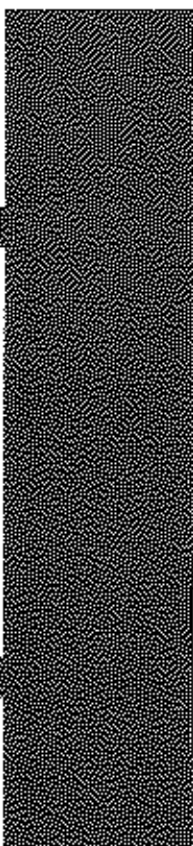


Our Breeders



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Our Breeder Screening Process

Our puppy evaluations and vet exams are part of our breeder screening and are used as additional tools to evaluate the quality of the breeder, their attention to detail, and their compassion for dogs. The following is a more detailed look at how our puppies are chosen.

Breeder Pre-Screening Process

Our screening process is very thorough and ongoing. Any new, potential breeder is scrutinized by thoroughly checking USDA inspection records and background inquiries. We will not accept any breeder if they have any direct violations (any violation that could adversely affect the health of an animal). Even indirect violations (generally considered to be minor) are scrutinized if there is any potential to adversely affect the health of an animal in the future. Additional screening includes:

- Inquire and confirm vaccination records and worming and parasite prevention programs before purchasing.
- Confirm breeder guarantee as to parents, health, and genetics.
- Review Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) testing on sire/dam for cardiac, eyes, patella, hips, etc.
- Review photos of their puppies and often times parents as well.
- Confirm and verify registration status with the AKC, UKC, ACA, etc.
- Review Veterinary comments.
- Communicate with the breeder regarding overall health, size, weight, etc.
- Confirm travel arrangements through one of our authorized and approved transportation systems.
- Ongoing breeder inspections by the owner of Companion Pets Inc and Animal Health Supervisor.

On-Site Screening and Evaluation

Once the puppies arrive at our facility, they are examined head to toe by an independent veterinarian prior to acceptance. Our Animal Health Supervisor also evaluates them for temperament, height, weight, coat quality, and overall breed standard. A puppy that is not up to our standards is either returned to the breeder or made available through our adoption program. We also do a review of genealogy (when applicable) to ensure there has been no in-breeding in order to prevent genetic defects or behavioral issues.

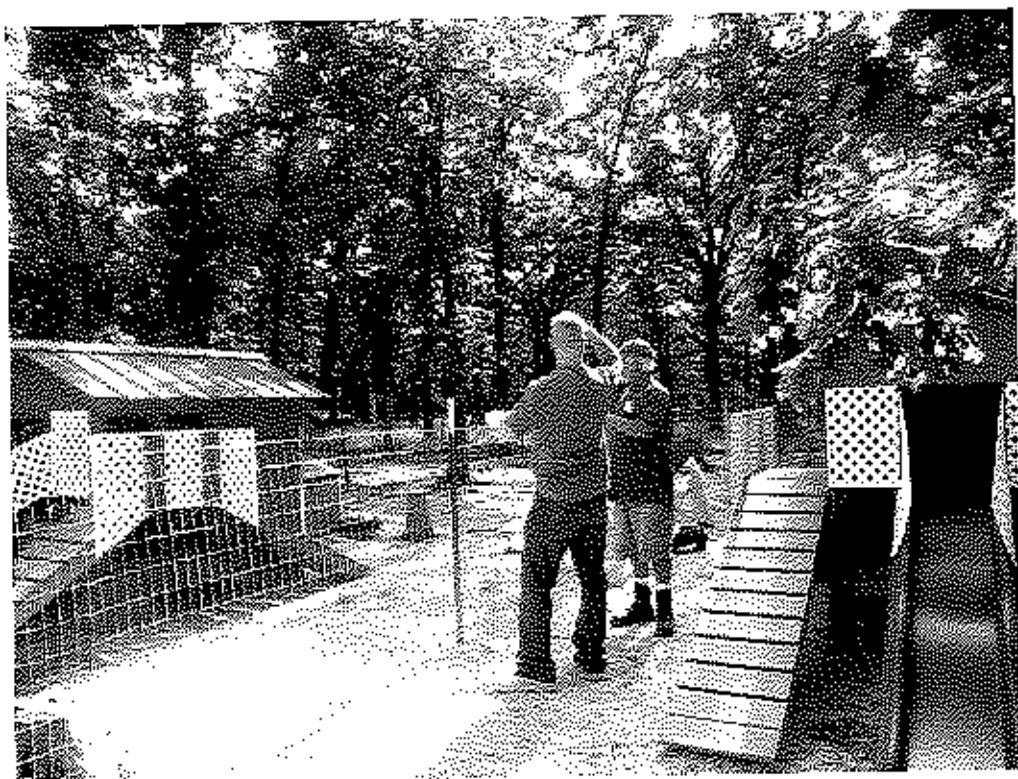
Ongoing Genetic Screening

In addition to our genealogy review, we continue testing the puppies' genetics with the following services:

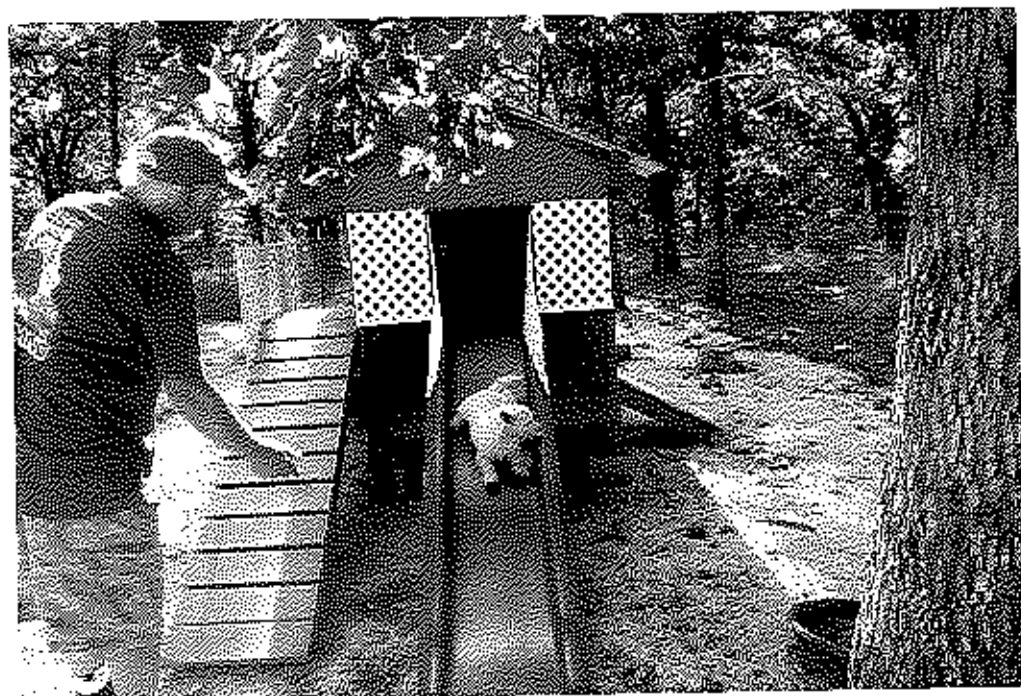
- "G-Track" - Hereditary and congenital commitment, notifying the breeder of a genetic issue so the sire and dam are not to be paired for breeding.
- "G-Track Red" - Hereditary and congenital guarantee tracking for two years to monitor hereditary defects; can be up to five years at customer's option.

Howard & Terry Breeder Visit

We have been getting puppies from Howard and Terry for many years, and through the many photos they have shared in that time, we already believed they had an amazing kennel. However, those photos did not do it justice! They have taken so much care and concern in ensuring the adults live healthy, stimulating, and loving lives that it has made us even more proud to have them as our breeder. All their kennels and runs were spaciouly situated under beautiful shade trees. Each kennel also has some kind of stimulating housing or puppy playground with safety in mind. All of the adult dogs live wonderful lives and are truly loved and cared for.



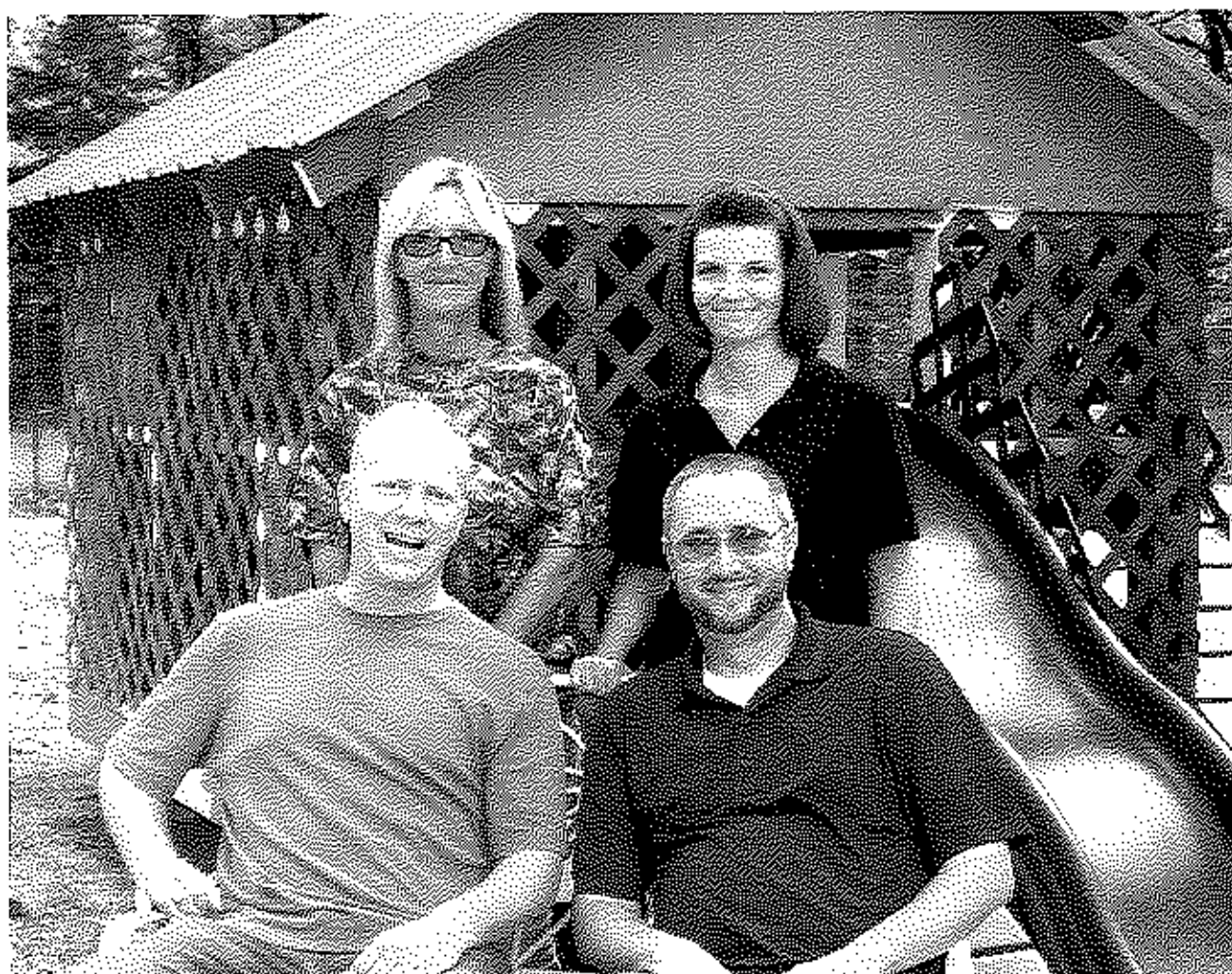
Owner Frank Mineo looking over the kennels with Howard.



Howard spending quality time playing with his dogs.



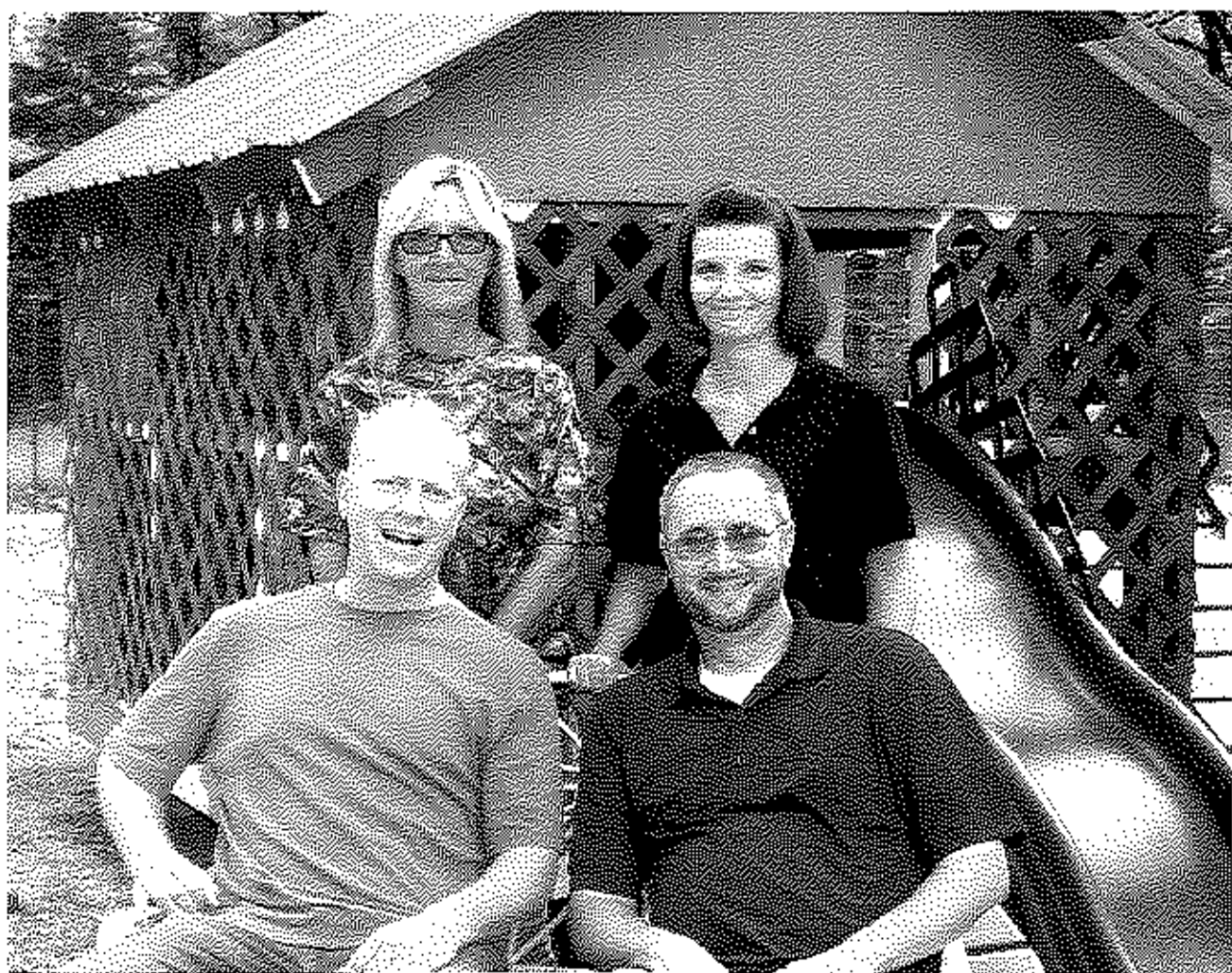
Terry enjoying her play time with her dogs.



Owner Frank Mineo with Terry and family.



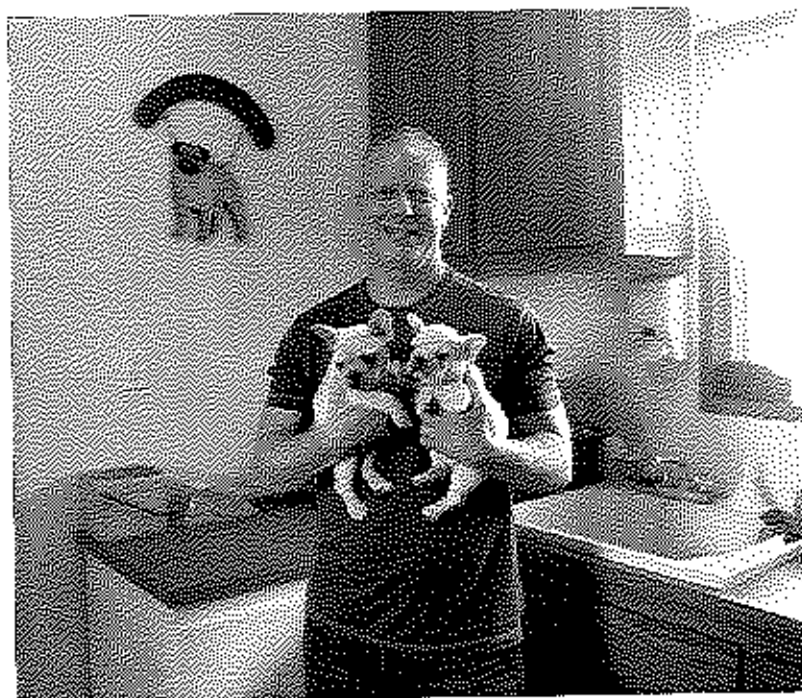
Terry enjoying her play time with her dogs.



Owner Frank Mineo with Terry and family.

Wendy Breeder Visit

Wendy has a beautiful, clean kennel. Her dog's conformation and quality are incomparable. Many of her dogs are AKC Grand National Champions and are very social and loving. Every dog in her kennel was beautifully groomed, clean, and happy. She brought them out into the yard and they obeyed all her commands. It is obvious from being in her kennel that a lot of love goes into this every day. Her whelping mothers give birth in a room next to her bedroom so she is at their immediate access. She brings them into the whelping area just before they are ready and monitors the entire process.



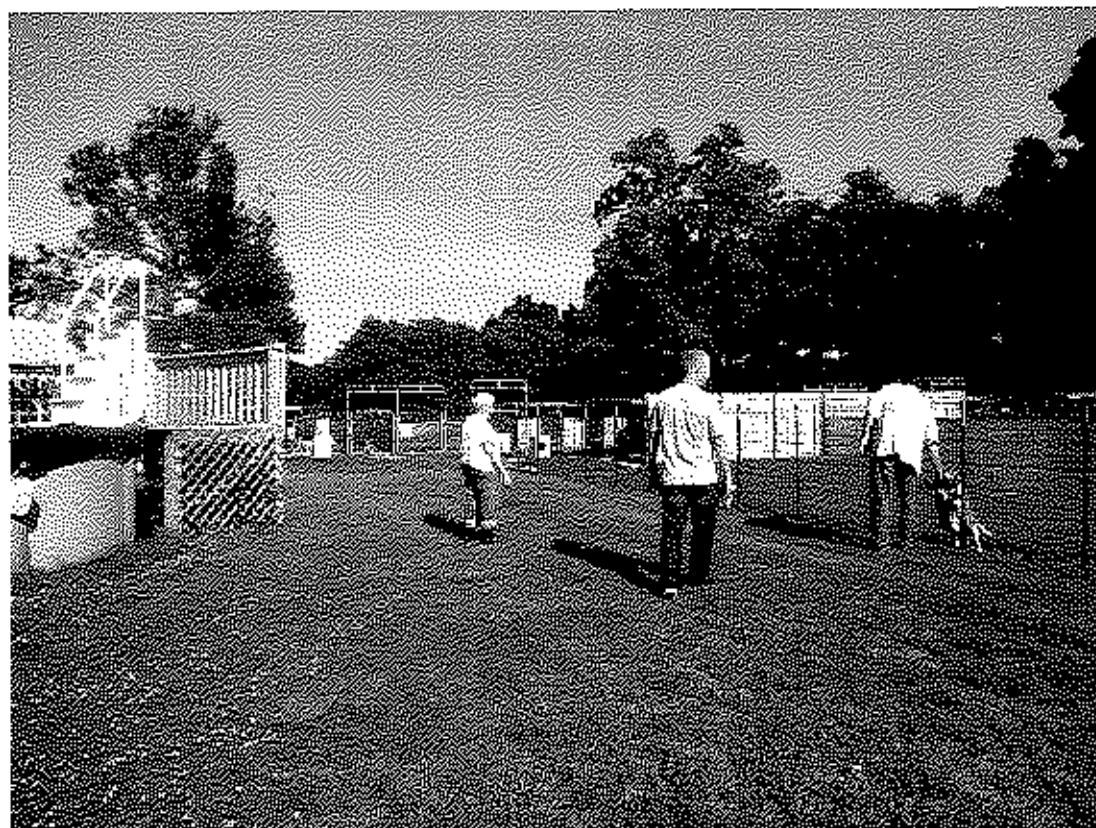
Owner Frank Mineo holding two of Wendy's French Bulldog puppies.



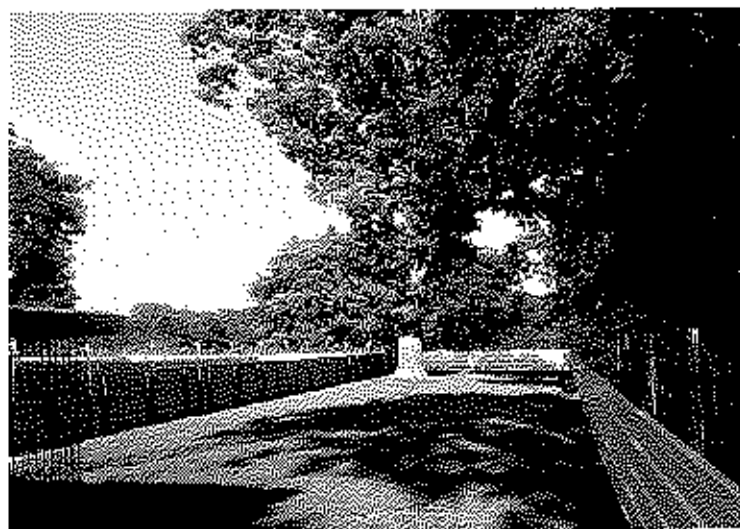
Animal Health Supervisor Michelle (left) with Wendy and one of her Pugs.

Judy & Dave Breeder Visit

Judy and Dave have an amazing place, and the kennel areas for each dog are an enormous amount of space for any size dog. One thing that really stood out to me was Judy had flower beds around her kennels as well as some hanging inside the runs. These were strategically planted herbs and flowers that deter pests from the area. This is a great natural way to protect the animals from flies and other pests. It also gives her kennel a beautiful charm. Judy is very protective of her pups and where they go. She is definitely always concerned and very selective where she will send her pups to find homes. All her Newfoundland parents are amazing specimens of the breed. Her dogs are beautiful, very affectionate, and loved the attention of a new visitor.



Owner Frank Mineo inspecting Judy & Dave's kennels.



Standard outdoor living area for Judy's Newfoundland adults.



Owner Frank Mineo (left) and Animal Health Supervisor Michelle (right) holding Judy's puppies.

Angela & Gordon Breeder Visit

Angela and Gordon truly love their dogs. All of their breeding parents are pets, they are valued as family members, and all have time out of their kennel in their home. This breeder goes above and beyond breeding a breed that can be headstrong and protective to loving animals that can run around together with strangers without incident. Angela takes special care with the moms that have large litters. Often times in large litters there will be one or two babies that get pushed aside, becoming the runt of the litter, and moms who feed large litters have a hard time maintaining the nutrients to do so. Angela separates the litter into two and alternates the feeding every three hours, giving them more opportunity to feed. The moms are so use to this routine they will go to the other litter without any coaxing. The moms are also given a special mix of food to help their body support their puppies. Angela and Gordon are very down to earth. We enjoyed spending several hours with them and their family.



Animal Health Supervisor Michelle with one of Angela's Mastiff puppies.



Owner Frank Mineo (center) with Angela, Gordon, and one of her French Mastiffs.

Gale & Christy Breeder Visit

Gale and Christy are a mother daughter team. These girls are truly passionate about what they do. They specialize in Boxers and French Bulldogs of very good quality. They have had French Bulldogs brought in from other countries of exotic colors and also will be venturing into specialty color Bulldogs. They are in the process of having all their French Bulldogs OFA certified in Heart, Patella's, and eyes. They truly want their breeding program to be top notch and are definitely doing just that. Gale has been breeding for many years while Christy was growing up. Christy eventually stopped working her full time job in order to work full time at the kennel with her mom. We were excited when Gale brought out their one week old French Bulldogs (shown below) from their house to show us the puppies we would be getting in eight weeks.

While we were there, we went out for Mexican food with these fine ladies. As always, they were very accommodating as we asked them questions about their breed standards, weights of parents, etc.



From left to right: Gale, owner Frank Mineo, and Christy.



Frank playing with some of Gale's French Bulldogs.

Judy Breeder Visit

Judy and her husband are dedicated to their adult dogs. Each and every one is their pet! They have a beautiful kennel and a large play yard that all the adult dogs get exercise in daily. Judy specializes in French Bulldogs, but also breeds Frenchtons, English Bulldogs, and Mastiffs. Her husband works on training commands with the breeding adults and kennel maintenance while Judy provides all the routine care. They are a very humble family and enjoy raising their dogs. As a hobby, they also enjoy purchasing old homes and restoring them.



Owner Frank Mineo with a group of Judy's dogs inside their kennel.



A group of Judy's Mastiffs playing inside their kennel.



Animal Health Supervisor Michelle with one of giving attention to one of Judy's French Bulldogs.

Hank & Debbie Breeder Visit

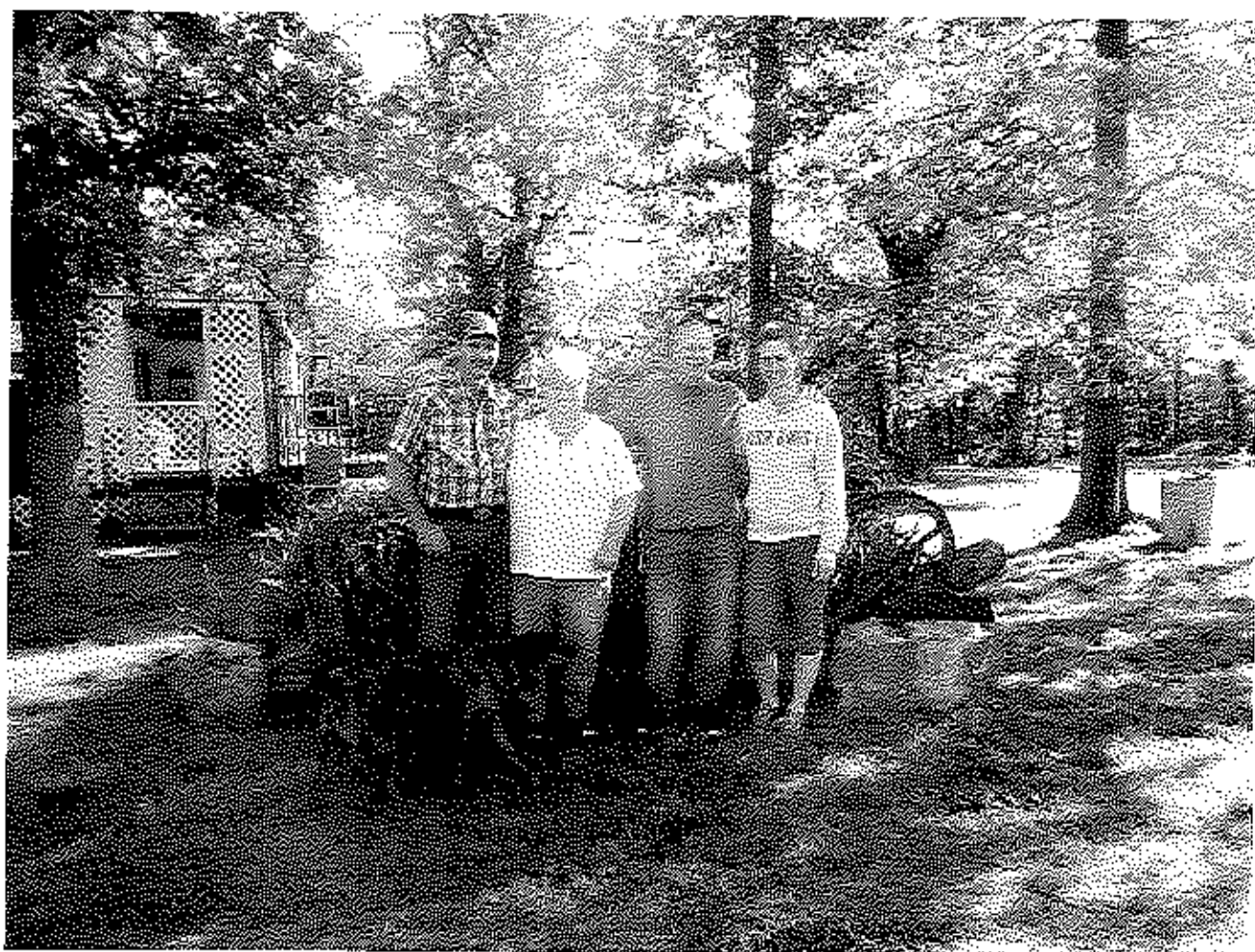
Hank and Debbie are big animal welfare advocates and have been involved for many years. They have a very nice kennel and work very hard on producing top quality puppies. In addition to specializing in raising English Bulldogs and Miniature Australian Shepherds, Hank is also the current president of the MPBA (Missouri Pet Breeders Association) and is passionate about promoting the continued education of breeders through seminars, veterinarian speakers, and animal health clinics, just to name a few.



Owner Frank Mineo (left) with Hank.

James & Karen Breeder Visit

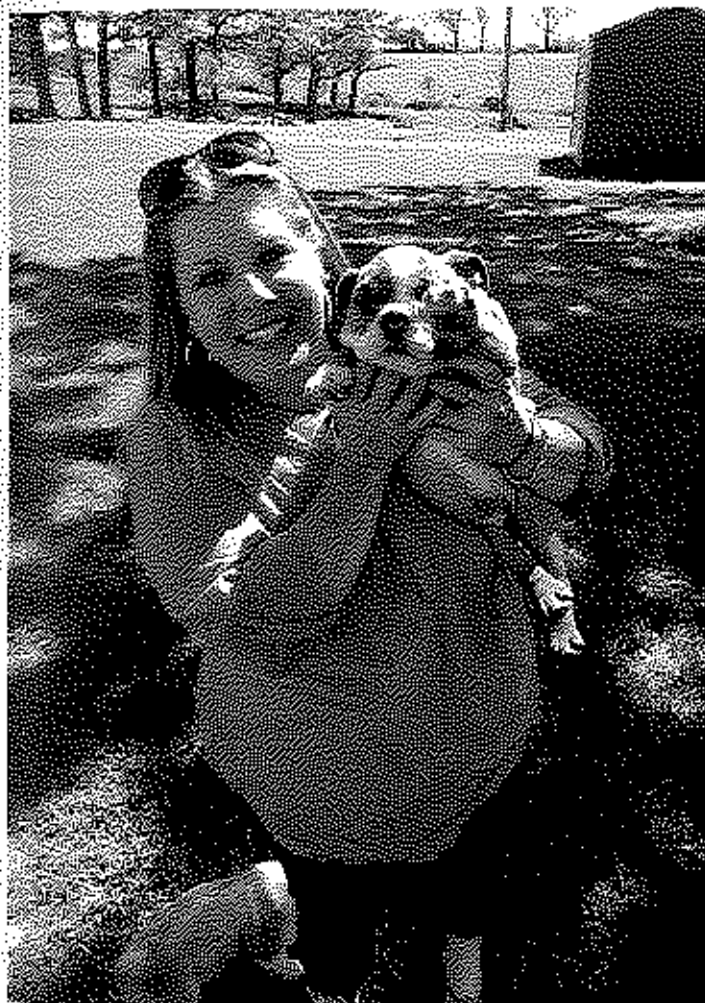
James and Karen truly are a charming couple! They specialize in small breeds and are partial to Chihuahuas and Maltese. It was a pleasure touring their kennel and meeting them and their daughter, who also works at the kennel. We have received puppies from this family for many years and hope to continue for many more. It is obvious they truly love their dogs.



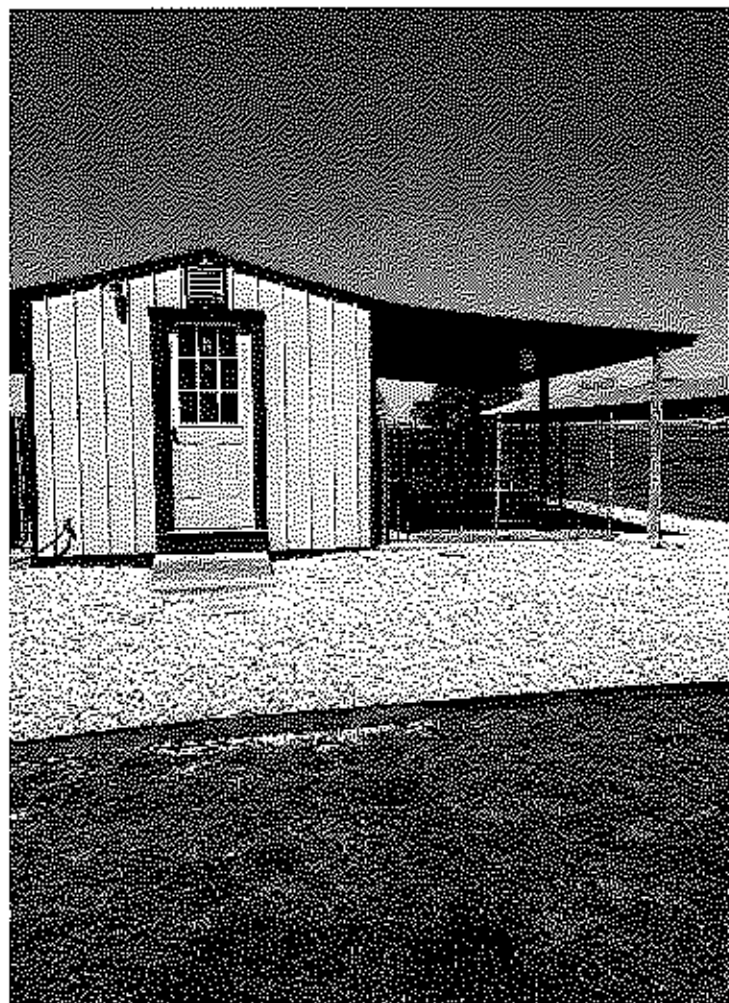
From left to right: James, Karen, owner Frank Mineo, and Karen's daughter Amy.

Dana Breeder Visit

Dana is a small breeder who primarily breeds English Bulldogs. She recently added Pembroke Welsh Corgi's. Each one of her breeding dogs belongs to one of her children. They are responsible for the care, love, and exercise the dogs get. **When I asked Dana where the play area was, she couldn't wait to show me her 80 acres of land with streams.** The dogs have a great deal of fun and freedom to roam! What I found remarkable was that they all stayed close. Dana plans to expand her business and build more kennels. We are looking forward to seeing her new kennels.



Animal Health Supervisor Michelle with one of Dana's English Bulldog puppies.



One of Dana's kennel buildings which opens up to 80 acres of farm land for the dogs to enjoy.

Mark Breeder Visit

Mark and Dawn are a great couple and have a beautiful kennel. It is a family business which their sons participate in different areas of the operation. It was amazing as a group of Cavaliers ran around and played as we walked through the large play area. All the dogs had huge kennel areas and large play space with grass and trees. Mark has enjoyed breeding dogs since he retired from the military after 20 years of service. They are both passionate about every one of the adult dogs having an amazing quality of life. All of Mark's dogs know their name and they adore him.



Owner Frank Mineo with some of Mark's Cavaliers.



Owner Frank Mineo (center) with Mark and Dawn.



A group of Mark's Cavaliers enjoying their spacious play area.

Susie Breeder Visit

It was such a great experience meeting with Susie. She truly puts in a lot of work with her breeding parents and their puppies. Susie is extremely selective on who she entrusts her puppies to. She only sells to pet stores as she believes that allows her more time so she can concentrate on the operation of the kennel. Because she only sells to pet stores, that means all the puppies will have to travel when they become old enough, so she will work with them to make the travel experience less stressful. She takes them for tractor rides, long car rides, and constantly holds them. Susie is very passionate about the pet industry and works with the industry on legislation. She is top notch!



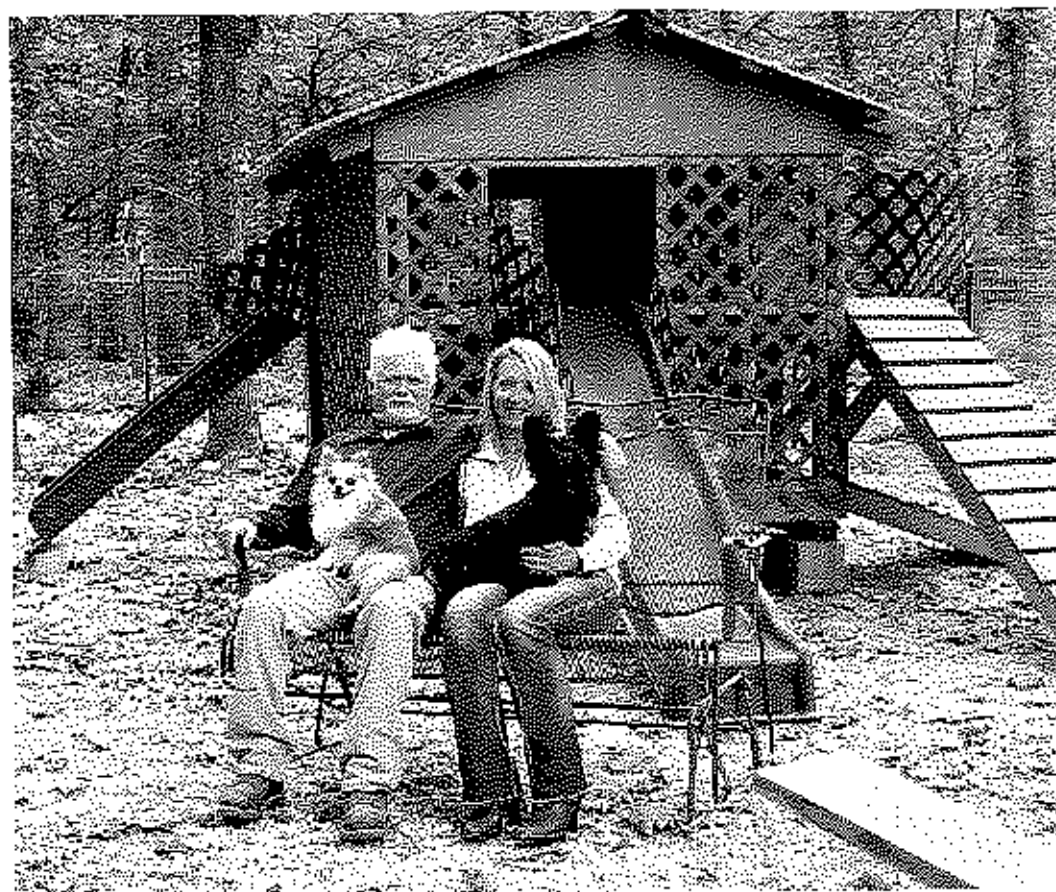
Susie with one of her Pomeranians.



Animal Health Supervisor Michelle (left) with Susie.

Breeder Biographies

The letters and photos on the following pages are from our actual breeders. They are not stock photos or a something pulled from the internet.



Howard & Terry

We are USDA, State licensed, and AKC inspected. We became licensed in 2003 and have never had a violation on inspections in 10 years. A family need to care for Howard's father, who was dying of Cancer, became more important to us than his 25 year job in industrial maintenance. To supplement our income we started raising puppies; always with the frame of mind "if I were a dog how would I want to live". We are both now retired and caring and loving our dogs.

All our adult dogs are raised on the ground with an average pen of 600 square feet. We have seven play pens used for play, agility, and fun interaction with our adult and teenage dogs. All our care for adult dogs is done by hand. We go to a pen, let the dogs out to the exercise area, clean, and give them fresh water and food. All our dogs are microchipped, yet called by name to come back to their pen where we are waiting; ready to hold them, love them, and play with them. Closing the gate, we go to the next pen and do the same.

Every dog is loved, petted, and talked to daily. Our adult moms two weeks prior to whelp are bathed and ready to go into a whelping building. The whelping facilities have solid floors inside, where each Dam is given a box with a heat pad when needed, and carpet for arrival of puppies. Puppies are cared for and held several times during the day. Each puppy learns to use a doggie door to go outside the building and has access to a water bowl outside and a water lixit inside. This is so when they get to their new families they can have a lixit for crate training or know how to use the doggie door to get to the backyard. Once the puppies leave, the Dam is placed back into her adult pen. The whelping building is then totally broke down and emptied; wall, floors, dividers, and outside pens are sanitized, repainted, and ready for new mothers.

We work very closely with our Vet and have developed our vaccination protocol for adults and puppies. Each adult receives a hands-on Vet examination at least yearly. Each puppy gets a hands-on check at the Vet office at seven weeks. We also OFA our adults for eyes, cardiac, and Patella. We also have NCL tested our Dachshunds and DNA our adult males. We do this to try to make sure our puppies have the best chance we can give them against hereditary problems.

We are very happy with our relationship with CPI. They give them the best care and communicate with us often throughout. They always make sure they know the history of the breeder they are buying from and making sure their inspections are good. We have had great success with transporting our puppies to them. They purchase more than one at a time to make the stress of travel easy on the puppies. We are thankful for this. They present our puppies with our story and your community is able to hold them and find the healthy, happy puppy they are looking for.

We wanted this setting (see photos) because this is who we are and what we wanted when we started. Howard had never been in a kennel setting before and he said all he knew what to do was build it as if it was him; how would he want to live. This is the motto we have always tried to achieve; the reason for the adult dog playground and them living on the ground surrounded by woods.

Our Moto has always been:

"A healthy, happy adult gives you the happy, healthy puppy."

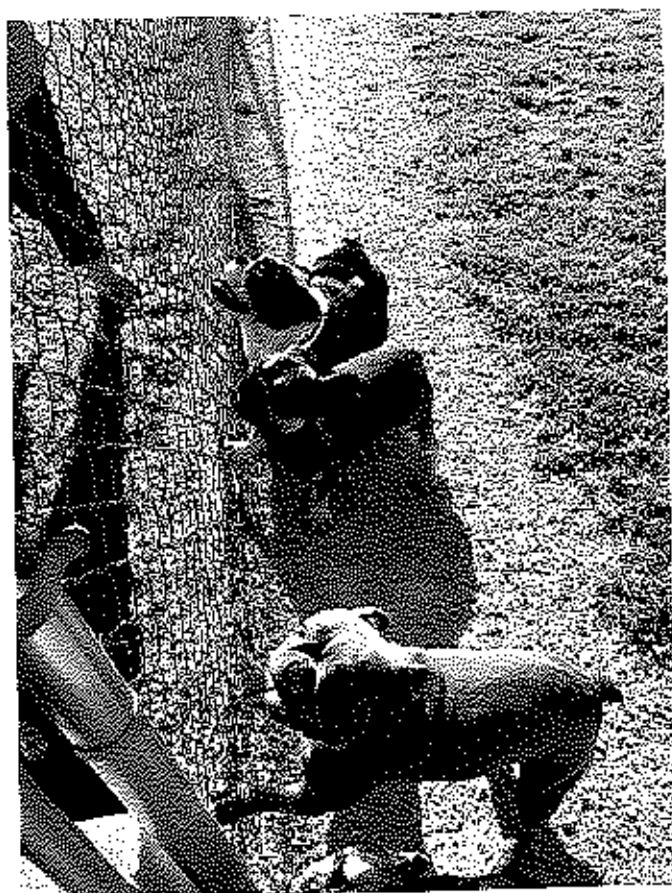
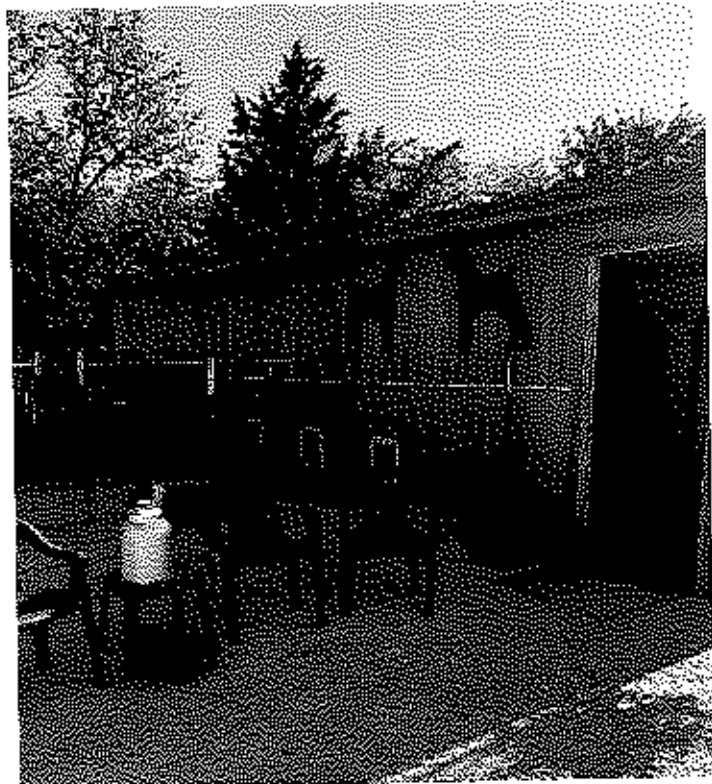
Gale

We are a mother and daughter owned facility. We pride ourselves on raising top quality pets. Our dogs are not just dogs or numbers. Each one has a name and individual personality and is identified as such each day.

We currently raise a few different breeds but specialize in Boxers and French Bulldogs. We are reaching for some of the hard to get colors in both breeds, yet maintain breed standards as set forth by the registries. We also strive for continuous improvement of our facility, dogs, and knowledge. We aim for more knowledge about feed quality, health testing, husbandry practices, and individual animal needs.



A view of Gale's playpen area for her puppies.



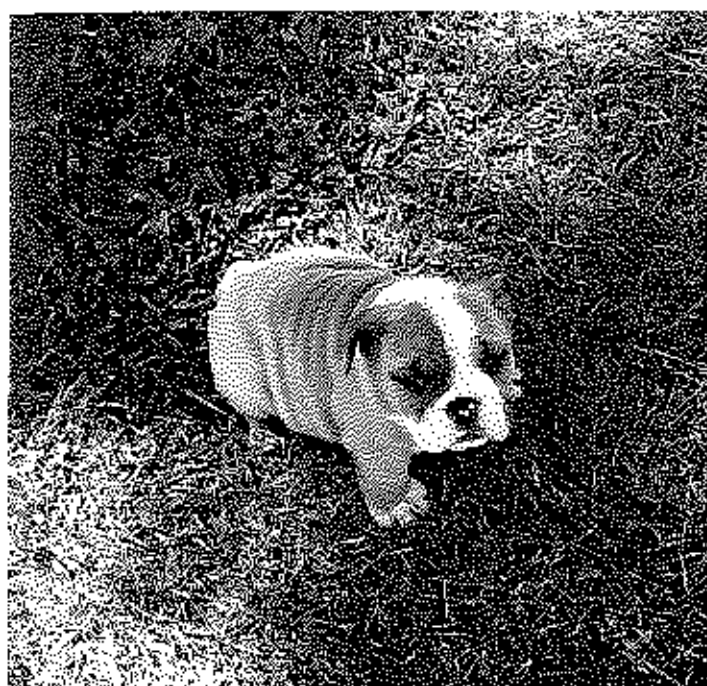
Some of Gale's prize dogs playing in the yard.



Inside Gale's kennel building (top right) she has photos of her dogs hanging on the wall.

What started out ten years ago as a hobby and a love for the English Bulldog has turned into a life long journey for our family and these amazing animals. Our seven children have always been a big part of our animals' lives; especially our new puppies from the day they are born until the day they leave to go be with their new families. The new puppies are their favorite part of the whole process.

We believe it is a constant process to learn about these amazing dogs and our goal is to make sure that we raise beautiful AKC puppies that meet the English Bulldog standard of confirmation, health, and personality. We have committed our lives to do our best to continually learn new things that will help improve the breed.



Dana's puppies enjoying the cool grass.



Animal Health Supervisor Michelle with one of Dana's English Bulldog puppies.

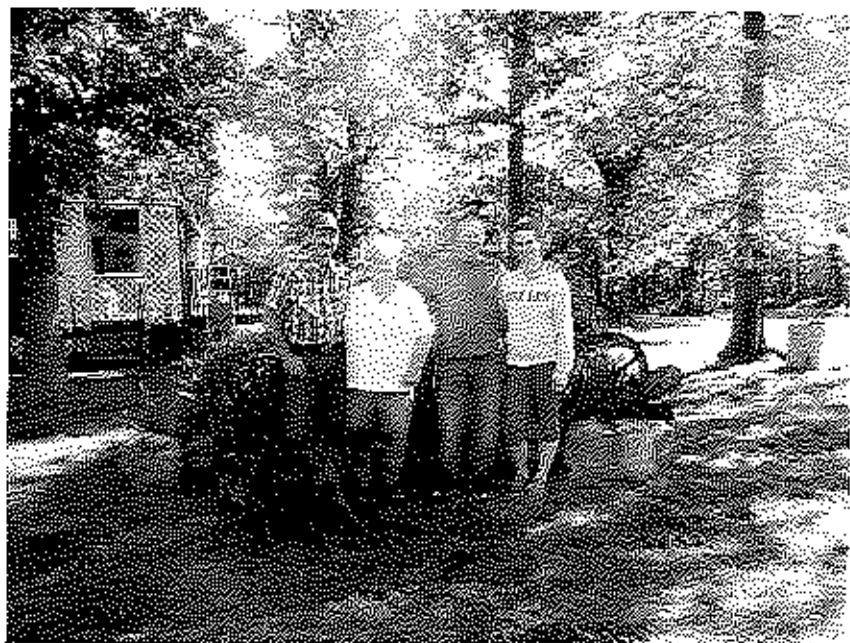
James & Karen

I have always loved animals. Ever since I was two years old I have always loved dogs and horses. I have had dogs all my life, even when I was living with my parents. Mom raised Poodles back then, and I helped her take care of the puppies. They were wonderful, and I decided way back then that I would raise puppies someday.

I got married in 1974 to my high school sweet heart Jim. We had two beautiful daughters: Amy and Kassie. Amy took after me in loving animals. Although they all filled my heart back then, I was missing something. I realized it was the love of dogs and animals I was missing. So I purchased a pair of baby Doxies to have around on the farm to keep me company and to love me unconditionally (Missy and Collon were their names). They sure did that, and had some babies.

I would sell them occasionally and then the customer would want me to obedience train them when they got bigger, so I would do that and I loved every minute of it. I found my calling. Jim and I now have several pairs of breeders. They are all very good quality and very happy. We take exceptional care of them because they are all our babies even though are all grown up. We retire them at six years old, and they live out the rest of their lives laying around in the back yard with all the amenities of life; all the food and fresh water they can consume, as well as go inside and outside at will, air condition in summer and heat in the winter, for all the comforts of home. I sit daily with them for all the love I can stand. It's truly rewarding.

I am 60 years old now and I still love dogs and horses. I still thank God for giving me and blessing me with the great joy animals can give to a person in life. The unconditional love, kisses, and licks will never get old to me.



From left to right: James, Karen, owner Frank Mineo, and Karen's daughter Amy



Karen's daughter Amy holding one of their dogs.

Hank & Debbie

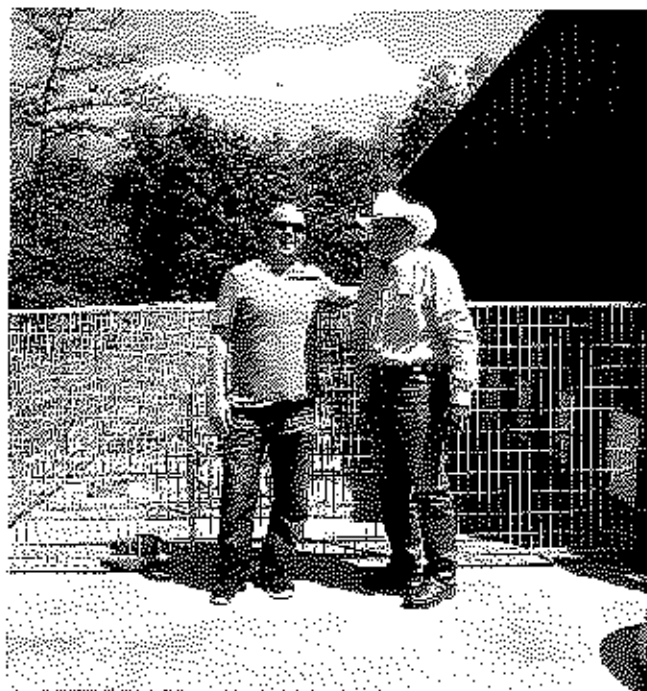
In 2003 I was encouraged to become part of the pet industry. At the time, I would not have characterized myself as a knowledgeable pet owner. I made the decision to join thousands of others in the pet industry and that was the beginning of a learning process never equaled in my life! It did not take long to discover whose advice was worthy and whose advice would lead you down the wrong path. I began attending educational seminars to learn from industry leaders, veterinarians, pharmaceutical reps, etc. Even now, years later, I continue to attend as many meetings and seminars as possible to increase my skills and to obtain up to date information that will enable me to raise happy, healthy pups.

Debbie and I met shortly after I began a career in the pet industry, and she shares the same passion to do the right thing every time. Debbie scours the internet, publications, and periodicals looking for information that will make our kennel better. She also attends as many educational functions as possible.

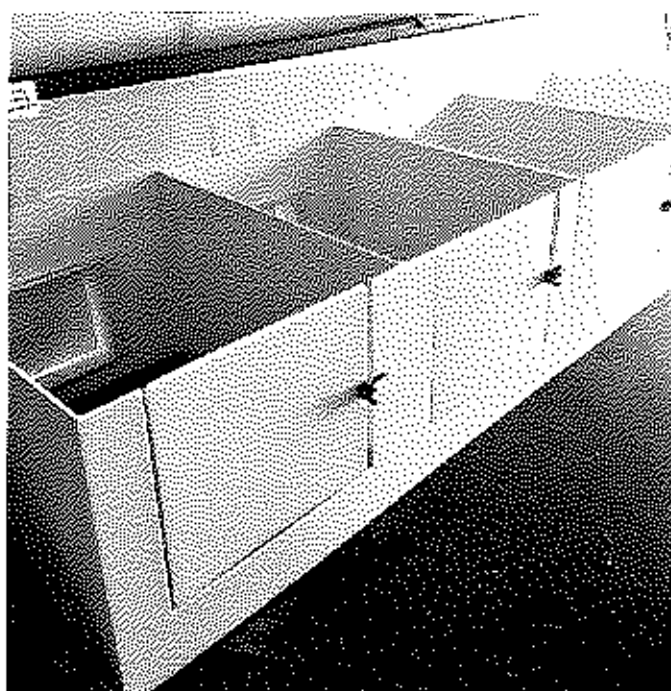
Debbie and I are highly engaged with the Missouri Pet Breeders Association, the largest state pet association in the U.S. We continually work against the HSUS and other activists who would prefer for all of us to be out of business. We are strong advocates for education and promotion; breeders need to always be telling their story.

We chose to sell puppies to Companion Pets, Inc. because they too believe in doing the right thing every time. We know they have an elite program in their stores that ensures only the best, healthy pups are offered to the public. They do a terrific job screening potential pet buyers, making sure the pet is a good fit for the family and vice versa. They are much more about happy endings than making a sale.

If you are considering one of our puppies from Companion Pets, please know you are considering a puppy that has been raised in a state licensed, USDA licensed, and AKC approved kennel, and that we continue to dedicate ourselves to improvement. When you visit Companion Pets' stores you are also dealing with folks who continually strive to work with the best breeders in the nation.



Owner Frank Mineo with Hank.



An inside view of Hank's whelping building.
Note: A whelping building is where the mothers go when delivering their young. These cubicles keep them safe, warm, and under the close supervision of the breeder. By law, they also have unfettered access to a large outdoor play area.



Owner Frank Mineo with one of Judy's dogs inside their kennel area.



Mastiff puppies playing in their kennel.

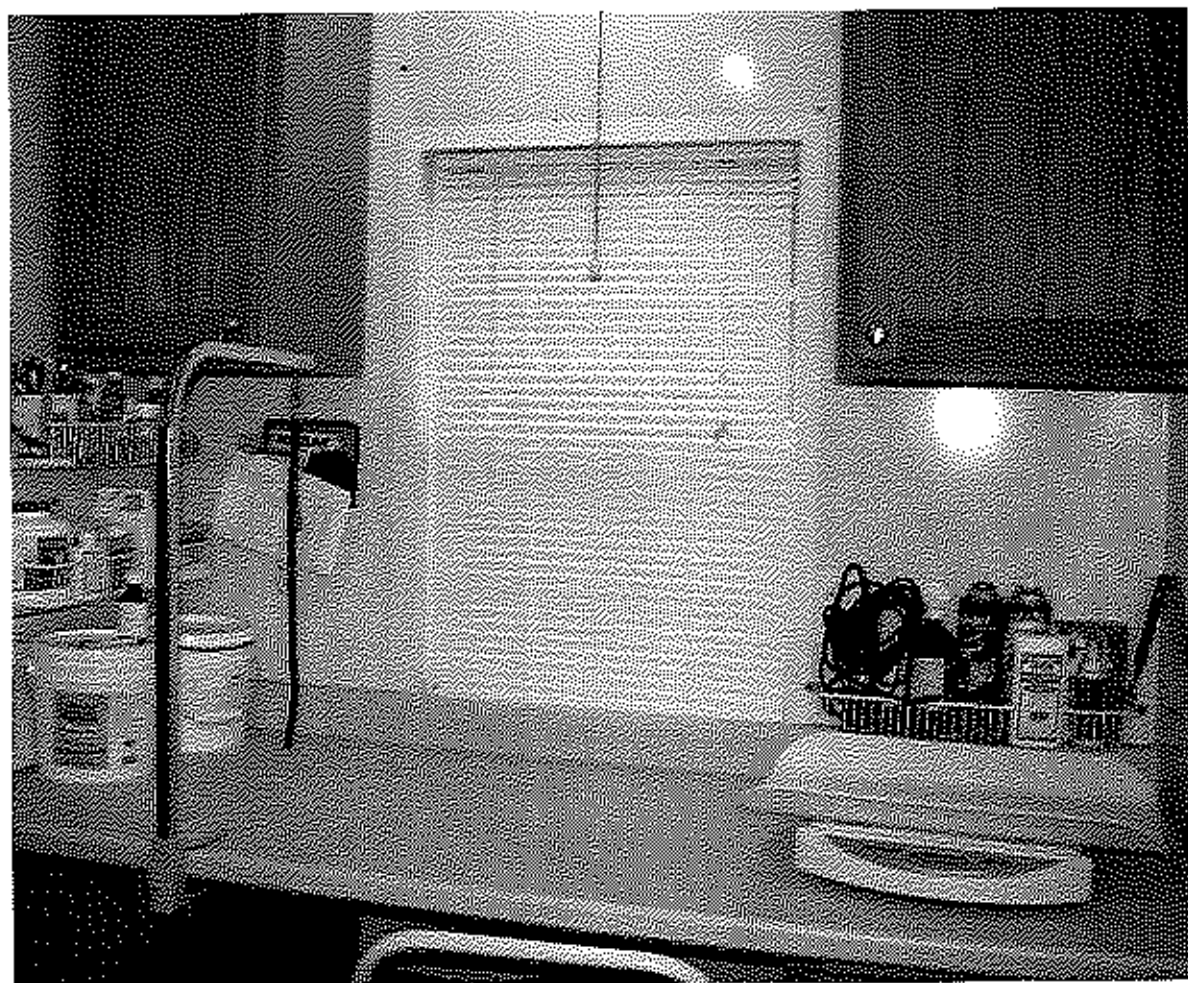
After my kids grew up and I retired, I decided to get a couple of dogs so that I would have something to do. Upon getting my first group of dogs, I spayed, neutered, and rehomed half of them. I still get pictures and cards from their new families! It seems that whenever one of my dogs would have babies one would also catch my eye and I'd name it, and once I name one it stays with me!

All my girls are very spoiled and get lots of love. They each have a name, toys, and blankets. I do more of their laundry than mine! I also have their teeth cleaned once a year. I keep their kennel at 74 degrees all year, and they have a big yard they can play in if they want to. If I forget to close the gate I will find them sitting in my kitchen. They know where the good stuff is!

At about the age of four or five I get them spayed and find them forever homes. However, the people have to pass my inspection, sign a contract, and send me pictures. If for any reason it doesn't work out, I get them back. I email and call them at random times too just to check on them.



From left to right: owner Frank Mineo, Judy, and Judy's husband playing with the dogs.



Mary

The puppies Frank purchases are clean, happy, and healthy. The parents are of good quality and I know all their names; they are not just a number on a card as some would like you to believe.

The dogs' living area is heated in winter and air conditioned in the summer for a constant temperature of 75 to 76 degrees in winter and 74 to 76 degrees during the summer months. They all have access to the outside 24/7. My facility faces north to south so that all dogs have a time where they can receive sunshine if and when they want. The outside area has a roof over it to protect from rain and heat. We have been raising healthy, happy babies for 13 years and have always been in complete compliance with USDA, The State, and AKC.

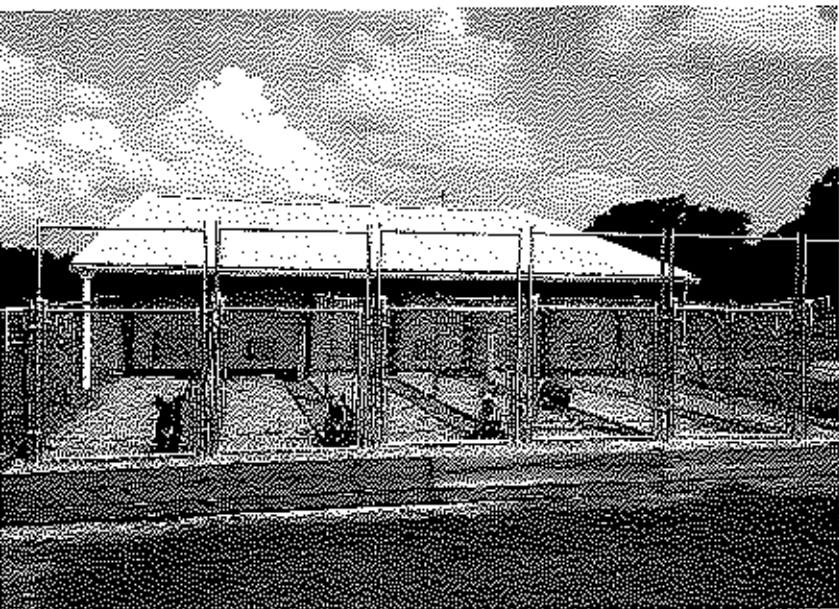
I love my dogs. They are nicer than most people and give the sweetest hugs and kisses on the chin and hands. They are always happy to see me or other people as well. I have never had even one mother growl at me. I can handle and touch their newborns even at the birthing process. My mothers get special food and vitamins. I pet them on the head and neck as I feed this special mix with canned meat and warm water. This way I am as sure as I can be that my dogs are not aggressive. I would not produce puppies from an aggressive dog.

I was raised on a farm, the next oldest in a family of 13 children and have always loved animals. I had a complete stress break down 16 years ago due to working a too stressful job in town and was told I would never be able to work a full time job in town again as this left me with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (or the medical term "Epstine Barr").

I started with 5 Lhasa Apsos and 3 Pomeranian adults. They were those sweet loving babies that were irresistible. I quickly noted the Lhasa Apso would give the most tender hugs and look me in the eye as if they could read my eyes. They are so sweet, loving, docile, and laid back. They stole my heart and relieved my stress. I no longer had to carry glycerin under the tongue as a treatment for excessive high blood pressure and the trips to the emergency room stopped.

Both puppies and dogs love people and people's attention. They were made by God to be man's best friend and that's why the name dog is God spelled backwards. A dog is always true, always loving, always glad to see people, and never do a person wrong. Dogs have enriched the lives of many and many have enriched the lives of dogs. If you meet a man or woman that does not love a puppy, then they're probably not as loving and tender hearted as they should be. You know the old saying, "If your dog doesn't like them, then you better stay clear of them." Dogs are smart, never forget, and are very keen at sensing shady characters. We have a 14 year old Dachshund, a 10 year old Shih Tzu, and a 6 year old Lhasa Apso (spayed and neutered) in our home for our pets, and they were all raised from puppies.

Update from on-site breeder visit: Mary has to be one of the sweetest people I have met. She and her husband were warm, welcoming, showed us all around their kennels, and introduced us to all of their dogs and puppies. Mary also has dogs that people left on the side of the road that she has taken in, spayed, neutered, and loves them like all the others. In her words, "Nothing makes me madder than someone who abuses animals." We are proud to have Mary as one of our breeders.



My name is Robin. I live in Sallisaw, OK. I have been married 24 years and both my husband and I have good, long term, secure jobs. We have always been animal people and have always had horses, dogs, and any other kind along the way. My hobbies are my family, barrel racing, and my furry friends. **When the kids were grown my husband and I decided to raise a few select Pomeranians and French Bulldogs. I say few because we will never have too many that they do not get individual attention on a daily basis.** I bought and raised all of my adults from puppies. **All of them are very well socialized and have been and can be in my house at any given time.** Our number one goal when we started was to buy/raise the best quality, healthiest fur babies possible. All that starts with the health and well-being of the adults. I had 2 female French Bulldogs that at 6 months of age had some issues that I did not feel should be passed on. I had them both spayed and gave them away to great homes. They were spayed to prevent somebody else from breeding them. I was not refunded any of the money I paid for them.

What my dogs are housed in is better than a lot of people's houses. **They are not housed in little wire pens as most think.** When they do not have babies, my Pomeranians are kept in chain link runs on a composite deck and my French Bulldogs are kept in big chain link runs. Both have temperature regulated facilities to go in and out of. My adults are fed Iams dog food and my puppies have a choice between Science Diet, Nutri Source, Bil jac or Blue Wilderness. All of my puppies have a thorough vet check prior to leaving, up to date on shots and worming, and have been handled since birth.

When I first decided to sell puppies to pet stores, CPI pets inquired about a French Bulldog puppy I had. **The first thing they (Michelle) asked for was pictures of my facility and information about me. They wanted to do the best they could to ensure that they were purchasing puppies from a reputable person who stood behind what they raised and what they were going to represent.** They quickly learned that the health and care of my puppies was my number one concern. I have some tiny Pomeranians and will not ship them until I feel like they are ready. Eight weeks means nothing; when they are ready they will go. CPI always says the health of the puppy is their main concern and is happy to wait on them. They are a great pet store to deal with. The staff is trained to take care of the puppies and there is always a vet available if needed. Without great pet stores, the public's only choice would be to buy a puppy sight unseen off the internet. They would have no idea how that puppy has been taken care of or much less what the parents of the puppies living conditions are. At least with them going to the pet store they can see the exact puppy they would be getting and has a business that will stand behind what they are selling in case of problems. There are some great breeders on the internet but I have also come in contact with the not so great ones. My 2 French Bulldogs are good examples. If they had been purchased through a pet store they would have stood behind them as what they had wrong was hereditary. As it was, I had no recourse and was out \$6,000. I hope to continue to sell healthy, happy fur babies to reputable pet stores who can place them in great forever homes.



We have bred dogs for over 20 years and we are very proud to be a part of this industry and all the people that make it up. Yes, we have had problems with people with no ethics. Some people just operate outside of the law. We praise the new changes in Missouri on all breeding large and small scale. We worked with senators the last couple of years to get things right and now we have stricter laws on breeding than any other state and we are proud of it and believe me were inspected 3 to 4 times a year. That is why licensed breeders are down by 80% in this state alone.

We're mostly middle class at the bottom of this long chain but we love what we do. We love the farm and working with the dogs to make them healthier with each generation. CPI can see this and they care. CPI is a great bunch of people to work with and they take good care of our puppies. We know we don't have to worry about them when they're with CPI. They are the professionals when dealing with the public and we're professionals in getting the puppies ready for the public.





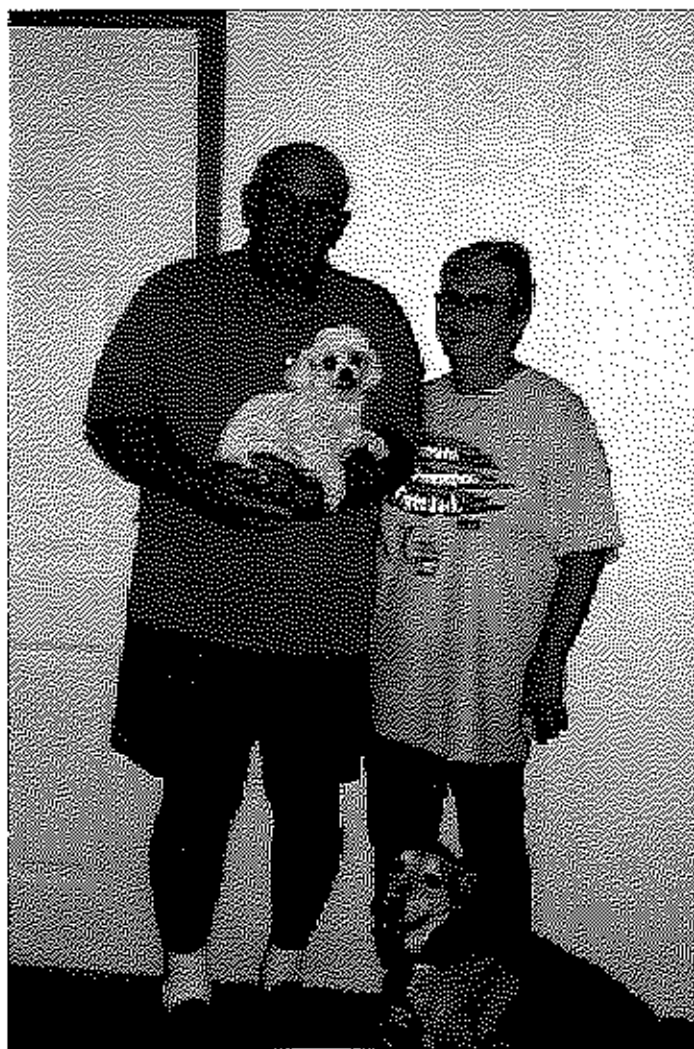
John & Linda

We got our first two dogs (which were Siberian Huskies) 16 years ago and absolutely fell in love with the breed and have since added some other breeds. That was the beginning of a long, professional journey providing pet lovers with the best companions. We love our dogs and we love making other people happy by providing them with the love of their life.

We would like to give a little insight to breeding dogs. **First, there is a big misconception about the care that dog breeders give to their dogs and puppies which couldn't be further from the truth.** As breeders we take care and pride in raising our puppies. There is much work involved in raising quality puppies. We meet and exceed all of USDA standards, State standards, and AKC standards. Our dogs are all very happy and raised in climate controlled conditions with plenty of fresh air and exercise at their discretion. They are kept in a clean environment, have a constant supply of fresh water, and are fed only high quality adult and puppy food. Our vet is very involved in our kennel operation as well.

We love raising dogs because they give us great satisfaction and we like raising quality companion puppies, especially to sell to CPI in Phoenix. We place our puppies with CPI because we know they go through a very strict vet check before being purchased and that their customers will be getting the best of the best.

Also here in our area in Kansas as well in the Phoenix, AZ area what we do is very good for the economy because there is a lot of expense in raising and caring for puppies. Here at our kennel most all of the money goes back into the care and facilities of the dogs which also helps the community.





Mary & Tim

My husband, Tim, and I have been in and out of the business of raising dogs for 10 years and my husband's family has been raising dogs since 1968. We have learned a lot about breeding dogs and we continue to learn each and every year. We are members of MPBA, a local dog club, and we attend all seminars we can throughout the year to continue our education. We spend a minimum of 8 hours a day in our kennel and as much as 12 hours a day. We take a lot of pride in our dogs, puppies, and our kennel.

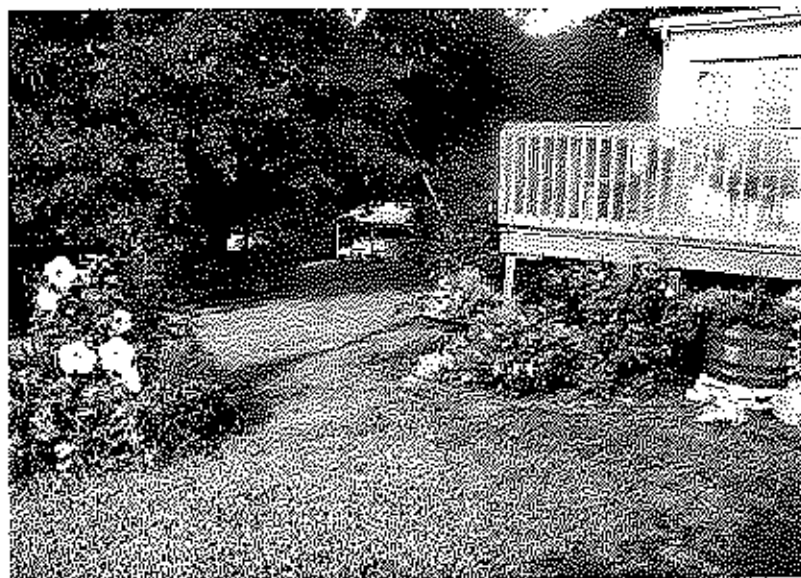
When I started selling my puppies to Mr. Mineo, I was looking for stores that were clean, capable of taking care of my puppies, and had great reputations. **Unbeknown to me, Mr. Mineo was looking for breeders who cared about their puppies, moms and dads, their well-being, and their living conditions.** How did he know if I was this kind of a breeder? He went online and checked my licenses with both the state and USDA before he would even purchase a puppy from me. With no deficiencies on our licenses he decided to do business with us. I enjoy selling my puppies to CPI because they always let me know when my puppies arrive and let me know that they are all safe and sound. We stay in communication with each other all the time, by all means, and for anything. I never have to worry about my puppies with Mr. Mineo and his staff.

We are not a big kennel; we only raise 4 different breeds and only have 26 dogs in our facility. Our facility is all concrete, has a septic tank for sanitation, central heat and air, heated kennel floor with circulated water, automatic waters and feeders, divided panels so there is no fighting, a ventilation system, fans, guillotine doors as well as exterior doors to runways, over hang for shade on the outside, laundry area, office, bathroom, and a feed/storage room. **Our dogs live in first class accommodations. We are able to give all our dogs one on one attention and exercise.** We live on an 80 acre farm so we have plenty of room for exercise. Raising Miniature Australian Shepherds, you need that much room.

If you have never seen the love on the puppies' faces when you bring the mom back to them after exercise then you are truly missing one of life's most precious acts of love ever. You will never see that look on any kid's face, that I will guarantee you. Every litter born in our kennel is just like the first; exciting, precious, and waited on like new grandparents for their first grandbaby. Dogs aren't man's best friend; they are man's only friend with love so unconditional.

Update from on-site breeder visit: It was an absolute pleasure visiting Mary and Tim. They have a rather small kennel but are extremely passionate about each of the animals in the kennel. Mary grooms all the adults herself and has a complete grooming area that is immaculate. Mary has a couple of guys that handle all the repair and maintenance but the majority of the caring for the kennel is done by Tim and Mary. They are a pleasure to do business with and we look forward to a long business relationship with them.

Mary and Tim also came to visit our Paradise Valley store in the spring of 2015. They were very impressed with how nice the store is and said it was great to know their puppies are going to a place where the staff are so friendly and knowledgeable.



Connie

I am a USDA, MDA, and AKC licensed kennel in Missouri. I have been professionally raising puppies for over 16 years. I choose to sell to qualified, reputable pet stores such as CPI Pets because I feel confident in the quality of care they offer. I have a lot invested (17 weeks) in each and every puppy, as the gestation period is 63 days (9 weeks) and then the 8 weeks of the puppy's life. This care is critical and expensive, so I would only trust the best of the best to purchase my puppies, as there is much more involved than most people realize, and that is not even considering the emotional attachment that goes into this business. My time is consumed with quality care and maintenance within my facility each and every day, so I do not have time to screen potential buyers for each and every puppy. I leave that completely up to the pet stores. The pet stores have the time and location to allow families to come in and interact with the puppies. The stores that I deal with, such as CPI, have a general knowledge of certain breeds, and they know how to pair up the perfect breed with a specific family and their needs. I trust them for that, and it alleviates my time that I must devote to my facility. I have 100% peace of mind knowing that not only are my puppies being well taken care of, but they're also finding the perfect family for each and every one.





Our kennel was established in November of 2003 and dedicated in the memory of my beloved Sam. Our mission here is to breed affordable, healthy, well-socialized puppies for pets. As I have several pets of my own, I understand the importance of finding and choosing a family pet. My wish is to make the selection of a pet as easy as possible with good customer service. My facility is open to view.

I have two whelping facilities with a state-of-the-art flush down system to keep the area clean. Each whelping area gives the dog the **freedom to move from the inside area to an outside area for air and sunshine**. As the puppies age, the mothers are given increasing time away from the puppies, beginning with brief time for human interaction up to an hour in a separate exercise area. Handling the females keeps them used to human interaction. Handling the puppies begins their socialization and builds trust; allowing for less separation anxiety at six weeks. Our outdoor facility for breeding stock is equipped with igloo shelters, heat, and fans. Each dog can go inside or outside at will. Each has 16 foot exercise runs. The number of dogs per section is limited to prevent overcrowding. The area is cleaned twice daily for sanitary purposes. We adhere to the strictest puppy care standards set by USDA and follow all guidelines established by our veterinarian. We are setting a higher standard for the pet industry!

David, myself, and the staff here feel there are many good people in the animal rights front. However, they have been misinformed and at times even lied to, and we would like to see stricter laws to protect dogs and cats from irresponsible pet owners! We support adopting from shelters when one can find the right pet. However, in 2008, David and I made the marketing decision to sell directly to pet stores only. The need for good breeders was great because adopting from a shelter just doesn't work for every family. **Each store we sell to was hand selected, researched, and found to be honest and well educated in the care of the animals they sell.** The number of stores we sell to is limited because we like to keep an open and strong working relationship with these stores. Some have toured my facility and met myself and my family, and all are welcome!

Our Code of Ethics

First and for most, to provide conscientious care; including adequate food, water, shelter, and medical assistance of the animals entrusted to me, being constantly attentive to their security, safety, and well-being, and to place their welfare above all other business considerations.

To obey and follow all rules and regulations established by USDA and the state of Missouri.

To encourage responsible pet ownership and an increased public awareness of veterinarian care.

To never knowingly falsify records or documents concerning the registrations or pedigrees of my animals.

To deal honestly and fairly with everyone concerning my animals and to avoid misrepresentation of our marketing practices in any form.

To avoid unfair competitive practices which would result in dishonor of the pet industry along with the pet transport industry in general.

With long term, good customer service I will help and assist the potential customer regarding the basic characteristics, both physical and mental, of the breed to determine the right puppy for them.

For as long as I am able to learn, I will continue my education and training, as far as available.

With daily socialization, know by name each dog on my facility, and have them respond to their name and the sound of my voice! Respect each one that the Lord has entrusted with me and honor what they do for me each day.



Whelping center with outdoor access for the mothers.



Judy & Dave

We have always run a commercial cow herd and raised registered quarter horses. We have also had and raised a few litters of working and hunting dogs along with the cattle and horses. About 11 years ago, we added our kennel and turned the cattle and horse operation over to our son and all the grandchildren.

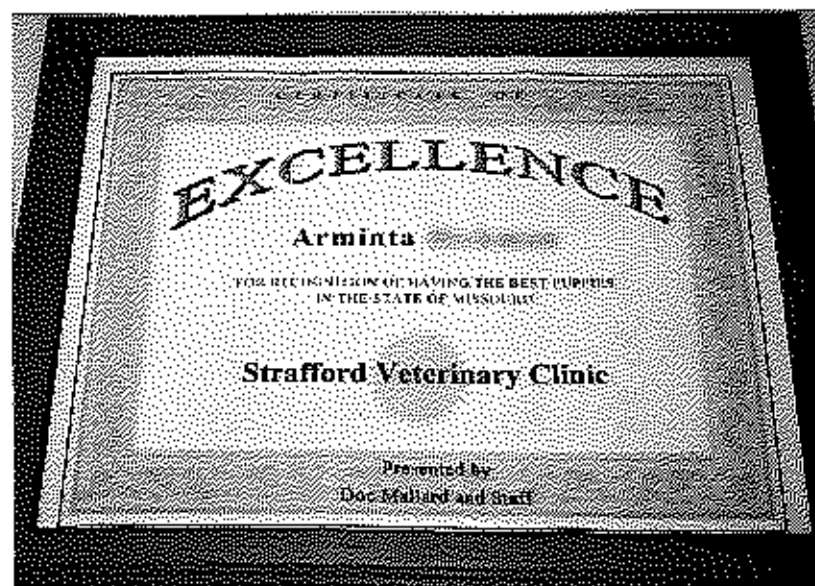
I have lived on the same farm for 48 years. I have worked diligently, learning and giving quality care to our dogs and building a facility above and beyond regulations by both the State of Missouri and USDA. **My dogs are not just numbers. They are all individuals with names and personalities**, the same with each puppy born here.

When they go to their new homes they are not out of sight, out of mind. I want to know about these puppies. I give lifetime support to their new owners. **It's the same with the adults when they are adopted out, and if for some reason anyone of them cannot stay in their new location they have a home back with me.** The adults always have to be picked up here at the farm. I have raised and cared for these dogs most of their life, and they are part of me and my family. As I have gotten older, more of the family has gotten involved in the operation. I have one full time four part time people working besides myself. The continuing education along with the money and time spent on our operation is well worth it for the happiness and joy our puppies bring to the many lives they touch and the many good people we meet and friends we make.

The US Constitution guarantees that I have unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our pursuit of happiness is raising healthy, happy puppies for families to enjoy without the interference from groups that have decided they do not like what we do.



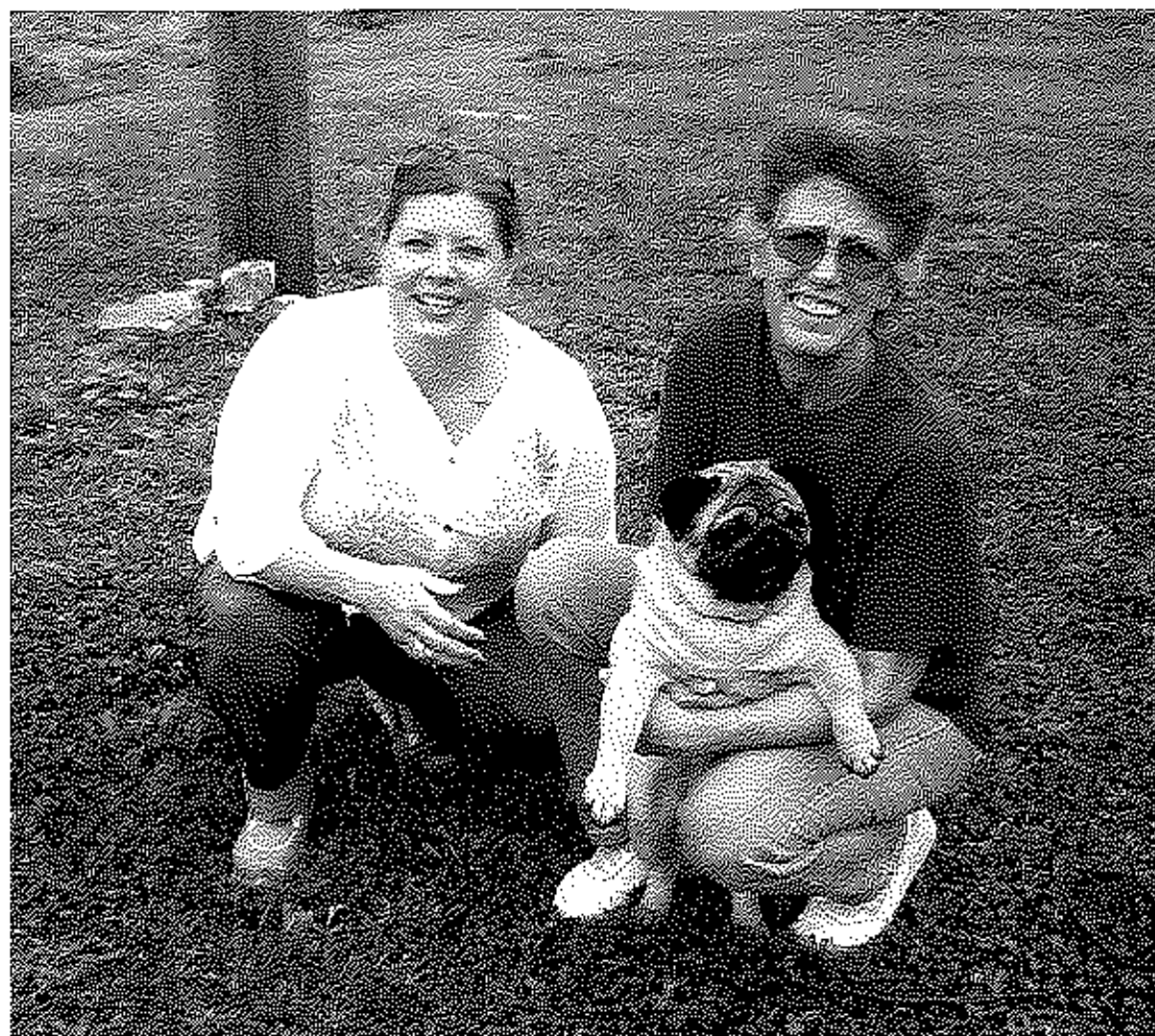
Judy, Dave, and an ACA Judge stand behind Judy's Newfoundland, which became an ACA Champion.



I own a small kennel in Missouri. Having grown up in the country, I have always been surrounded by many different animals: cows, pigs, horses, chickens, goats, cats, and dogs. I have always had a love for animals. My father had always told me that animals make the best listeners. You can talk to them about anything and they wouldn't ever judge you or tell on you. It is so relaxing to just sit down and talk to and love a pet. They have helped me with many of life's ups and downs. After my father passed away at the age of 54, my mother got some dogs and started to raise puppies. I always loved to visit and help out with them. When my children were little I hated leaving them with a babysitter to go work. I was missing all of their first words, first steps, and so forth. This was very upsetting to me. I needed a way to spend more time with my children. So I talked to mom, and we decided that I would raise dogs with her. This has allowed me the so precious time that I needed. Over the years I can't tell you the times that I have been so blessed to have this freedom. This past year my mother has had many health problems (she's 81 now). With the kennel at her home, I have been able to be there with her every day and most nights. This has been a blessing in disguise. Just maybe God knows that this was the way things needed to be. Don't get me wrong, we had our good times and some hard times. This business isn't a bouquet of roses. **We've had many all-nighters, tears, and paw holding. But the joy, laughter, and love are the best. I always tell my fur babies (and I name them all) that I love them all and I hope all of them are very bouncy, happy, playful, healthy, safe, loved every day, and that they find the greatest new forever homes with new families that love them just as much as I do.** Over the years I have received countless letters and pictures from my babies. I love to read the letters over and over again. I have even had families that have wanted to get a second baby from us.



Some of Arminta's puppies enjoying Arminta's Grandmother's rocking chair.



Nearly three decades ago, my beloved husband Tom and I began our adventure together with our dogs. We started off with a trio of English Springer Spaniels and through the years have found our niche with the type of dogs that best suited our personalities and needs. We started off with a very small breeding and showing program and expanded as time and money allowed. We never compromised time with our dogs or quality of care to just have more dogs or more puppies. Our commitment to our dogs started out intensely and to this day remains that way. Many things in my life have changed since the beginning; such as my son growing into a young man and getting married and the passing of my best friend and husband Tom, but the dogs have remained a constant to me. **These days the care of those happy little faces and wagging tails is what gets me going every morning and pushes me throughout the day even in the harshest temperatures.**

Many people criticize and misunderstand the workings of a kennel. My opinion is that my dogs can best be cared for in a kennel environment. **They have ample room indoors to romp and play and be in a climate controlled environment and they have ample space to frolic and play outdoors as well.** The kennel environment allows my dogs to relieve themselves away from where they eat, sleep, and play. Many home breeders have small spaces for their dogs or their dogs are kept crated much of the day but my kennel allows my dogs the freedom to exercise as they see fit. The runs are disinfected daily, the bedding is washed on a daily basis, exceptional quality food is readily available as well as clean, fresh water at all times. My dogs are routinely checked by a Veterinarian, receive vaccines as needed, treated for any illnesses or conditions that might come up, and most of all are loved and cared for!

I can't speak for all kennels but I do know how I raise my dogs and puppies. **Most of my puppies are born in my home before being moved into a special nursery.** I have a very hands-on approach to raising my dogs to ensure health, good temperaments, as well as acknowledging the breed standards of our chosen four legged friends. Our dogs (Shih Tzu, Pugs, and French Bulldogs) all look and act the way they were meant to be. We have actively shown dozens of dogs through the years, completing multitudes of championships, and even a Grand Championship with our beloved Beaux, a Pug.

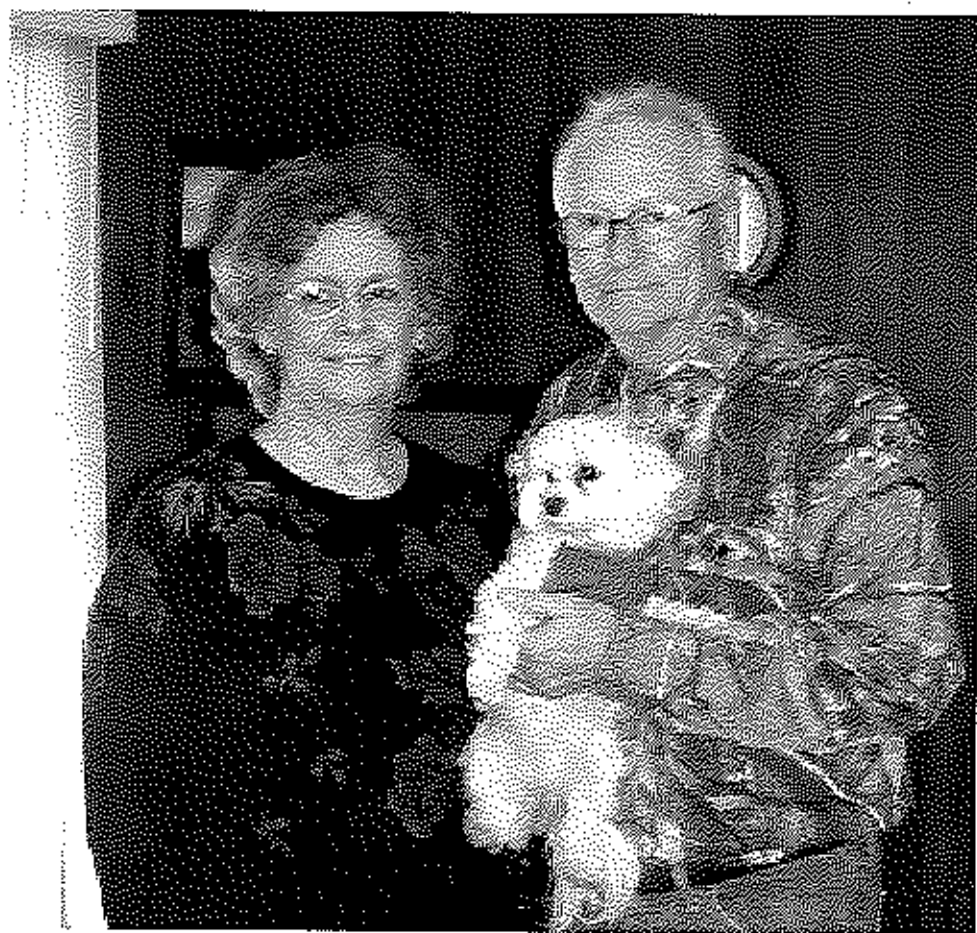
Many people criticize kennels but these people just haven't seen the way it can be done to ensure happy, healthy dogs. My dogs have done very well in the kennels we have had built and scrupulously maintain. This has been a labor of love for many years and I hope to be able to continue caring for these animals that I love deeply. The puppies I produce have made many people very happy throughout the years by providing them with companionship, dedication, and love. I can't think of a better reason to continue in this venture than that!

There are benefits to selling my puppies on my own, but there are also benefits to selling them to pet stores. Pet stores give people the chance to view several different breeds at once and decide upon what best fits their situation which in the end benefits the puppy greatly. Also, pet stores have the ability to attract animal lovers who will love and care for their dogs for their entire lifetime; which is very important to me. I want all of my pups to be in great homes for all of their lives. Also, I think that by working with CPI gives my puppies the chance to get placed quickly into their new loving homes so they can bond with their family during the critical bonding stage of their development.

My kennel, as well as CPI, takes great pride and care in how the puppies are handled and raised. It is my hope that people will see that many of us who raise dogs and sell dogs are extremely caring and nurturing people who want to provide wonderful pups to fantastic new homes.

Gary & Rosetta

Rosetta and Gary share their home and grandchildren with their much beloved dogs. They raise Maltese, Yorkies, Pomeranians, and Maltipoos.



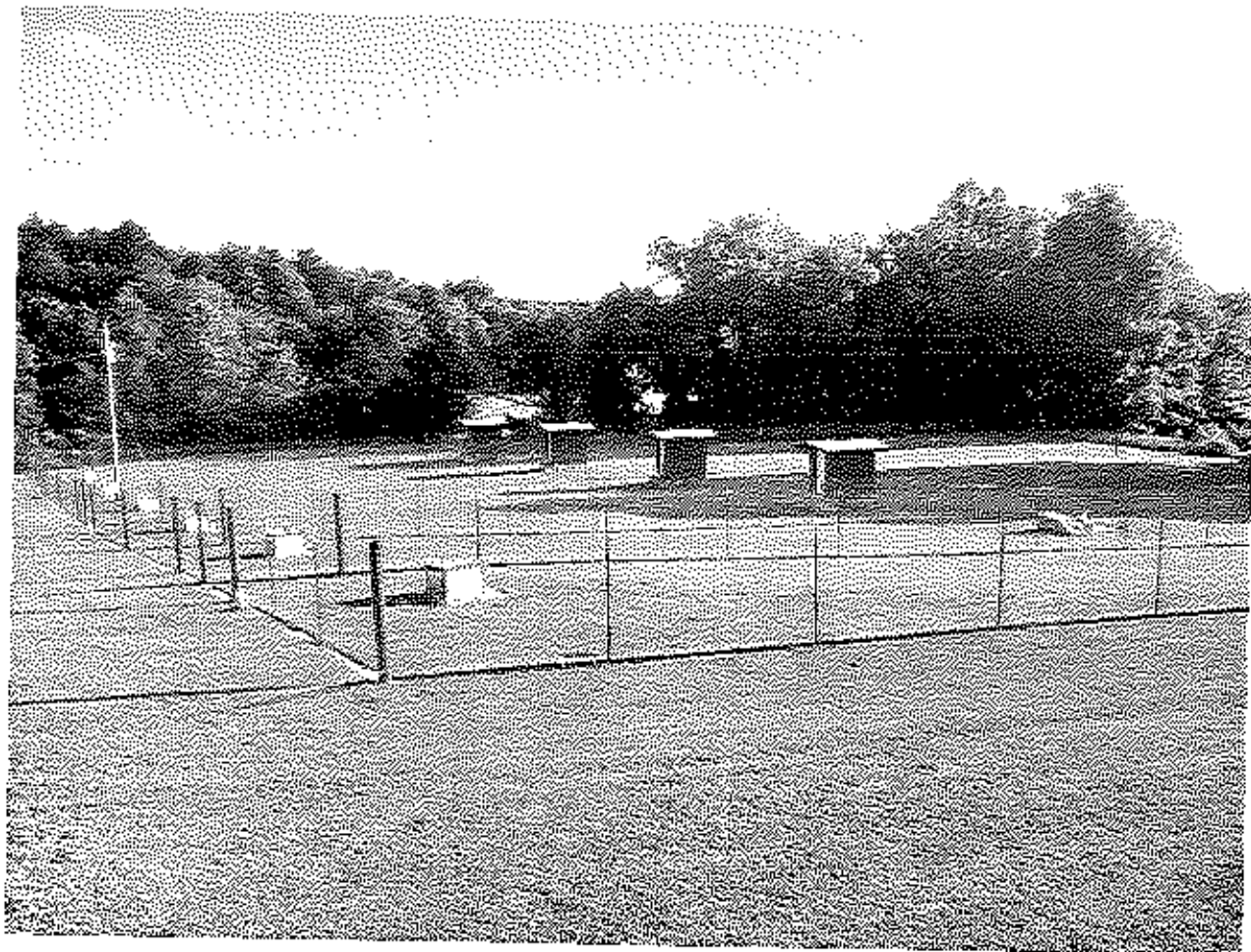
Chris & Elaine

Companion Pets is one of the highest quality pet stores in the United States. Of the twenty plus stores we deal with, **they are one of the best if not the best and most professionally operated companies we have dealt with during the almost forty years we have been in business.**

Our puppies are raised in a state and federally licensed and inspected facility. The parents are certified by a licensed vet to be healthy. Their blood is drawn and tested annually by a university diagnostic lab. The strictest protocol is followed in the upbringing of these puppies including the vaccination and medication process they undergo.

Even after these extreme measures are taken, the puppies undergo a thorough health check before being transported to Arizona. Upon their arrival, Companion Pets' veterinarians conduct another health check. The next step in the process is the reason we sell exclusively to stores. The puppy's new family is given professional guidance and training in taking care of the new puppy. Providing follow up information to the families is critical to the success story that Companion Pets has.

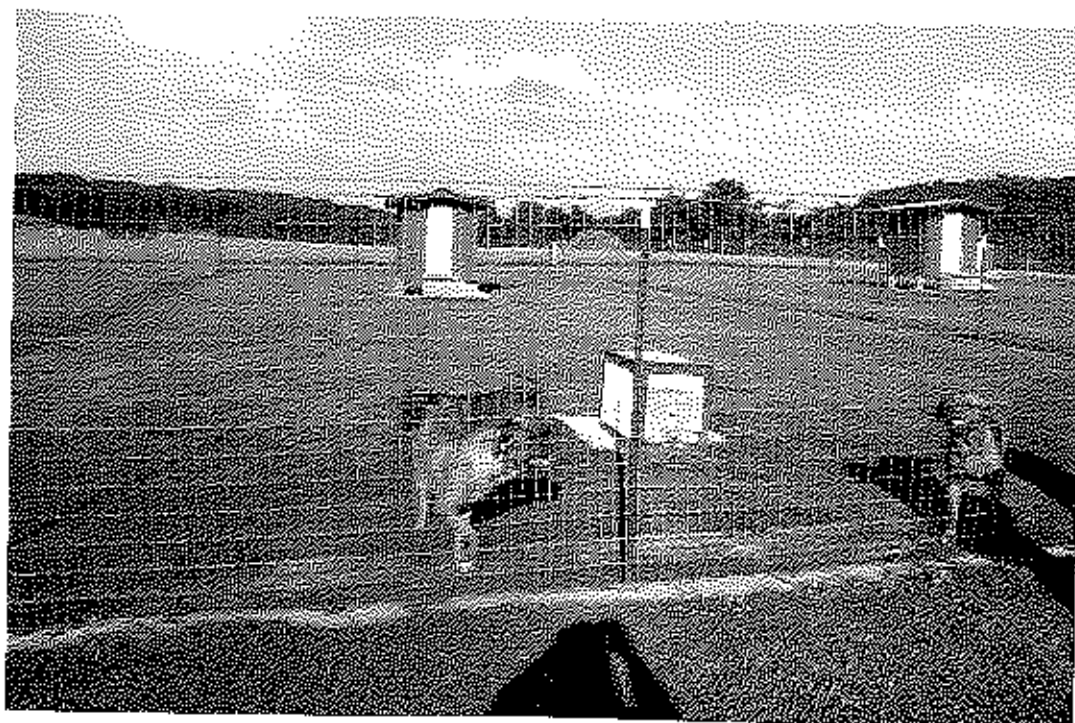
Update from on-site breeder visit: Chris and Elaine have one of the most professional breeding processes we have seen. They have special equipment to compost the waste from the kennel as well as having a water system with a light therapy to ensure clean water. Chris is extremely knowledgeable about animal health as well as quality of dogs. He truly prides his operation on having all the information and applying that to his dogs.



Owner Frank Mineo (front left) talking with Kenneth (far right).

Abby & Kenneth

We are family owned and have been in business for over 12 years. Our goal is to produce and sell good quality pets for people with different needs. We believe that honesty is the best policy. Our kennels are USDA and State Licensed along with being AKC inspected. We guarantee, in writing, at the time of shipping your puppy will have all necessary vaccinations and de-worming. In addition, the puppy will have been examined by a licensed veterinarian. This is to assure that you receive a healthy pet for you and your family's enjoyment.



Sheila

I have been professionally raising puppies and caring for the adult canines for 8 years with both state and USDA licenses. We are inspected and checked at random, without an announced entry and on a regular basis.

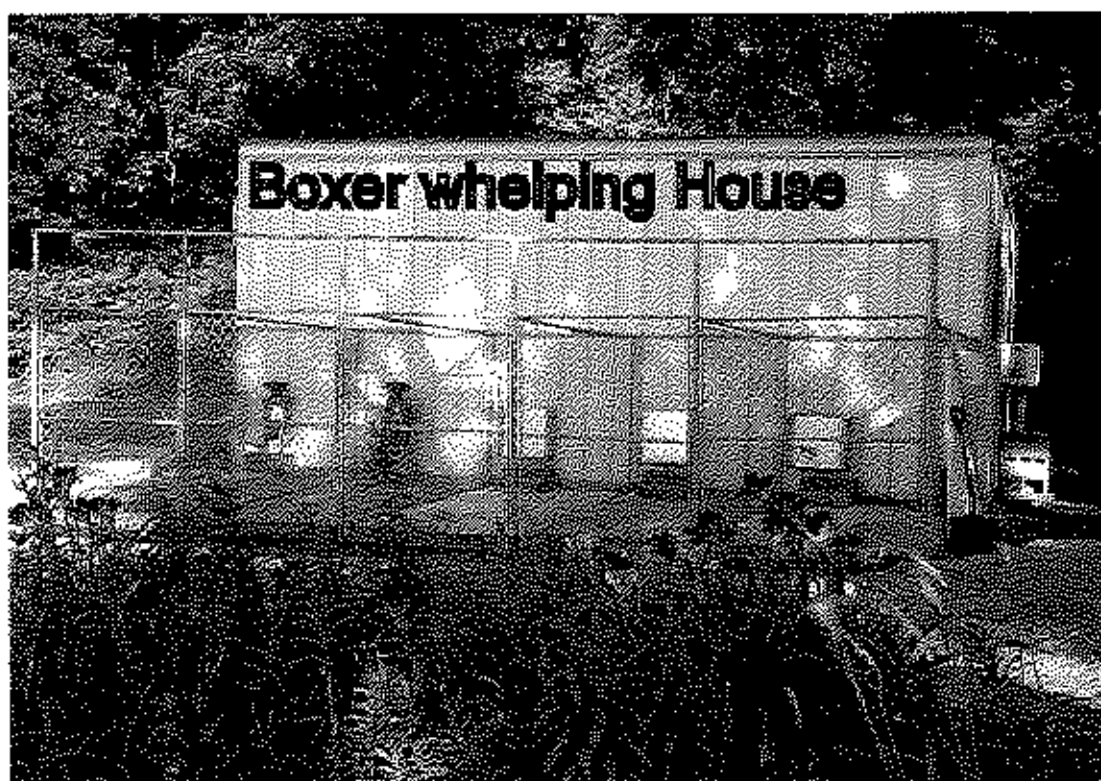
Knowing the hours, hard work, and love I put into the care of my dogs and puppies, I have *never* had any written or verbal warning and love what I do. My puppies are vetted and cared for on a regular basis with health checks and each is deemed healthy by a licensed vet. As a good professional breeder, I attend and belong to several educational groups that help us know and keep up on all puppies' health issues and the changing care and procedures of a good breeding program; all of which is governed by state and federal rules and regulations, with ongoing learning by both. **I personally love playing with and socializing my puppies and spend many hours grooming and exercising them.**

Don't take away good, well ran pet stores and stop the revenue for your state and town or deprive the public of pets. The puppies Frank purchases are top quality, registered, and have a sound breeding background. They are beautiful, loving, and healthy puppies. Each one is checked twice by two different veterinarians not affiliated with us before being sent to Arizona. Many precautions are taken for the care and welfare of our puppies.

Roma

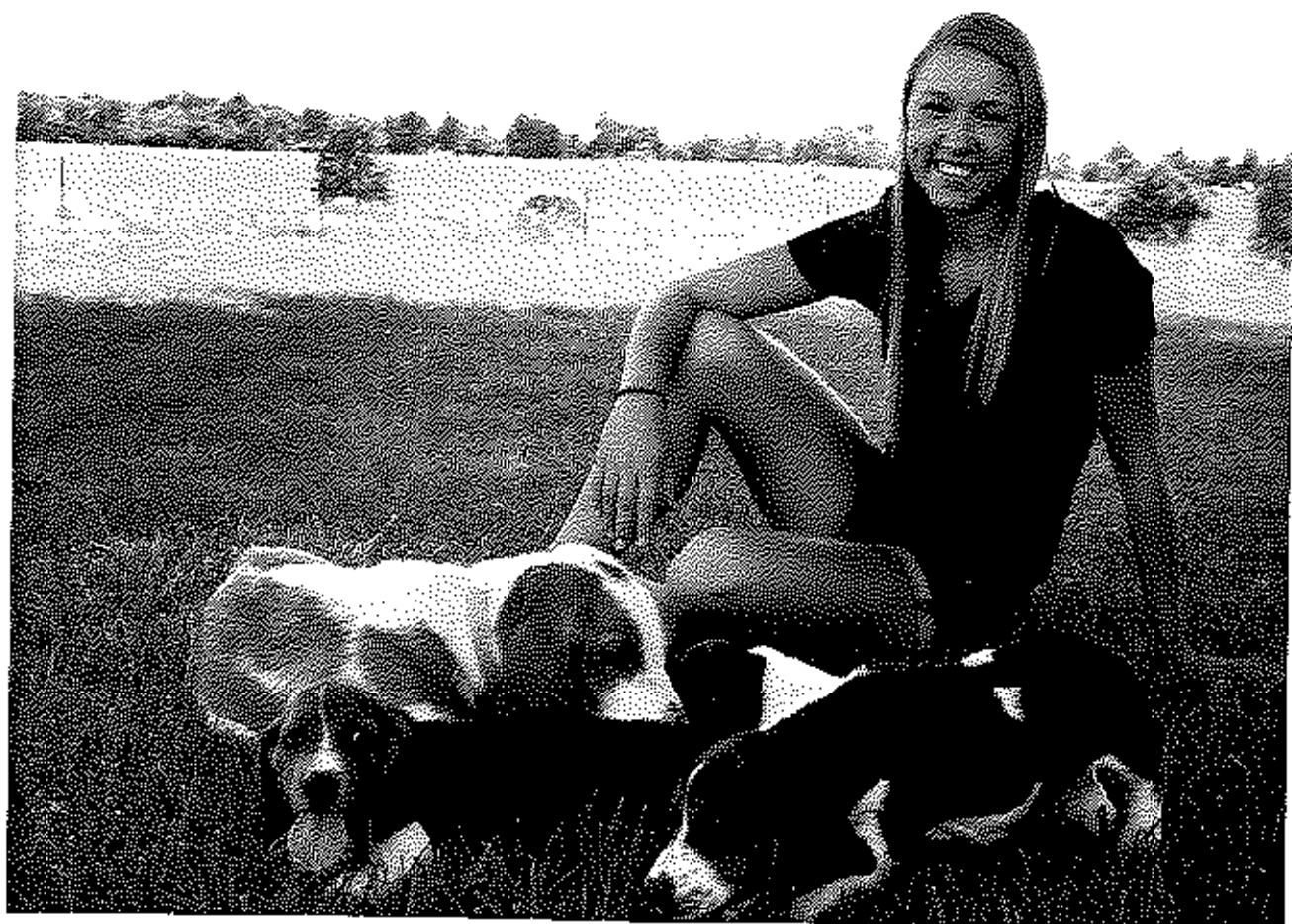
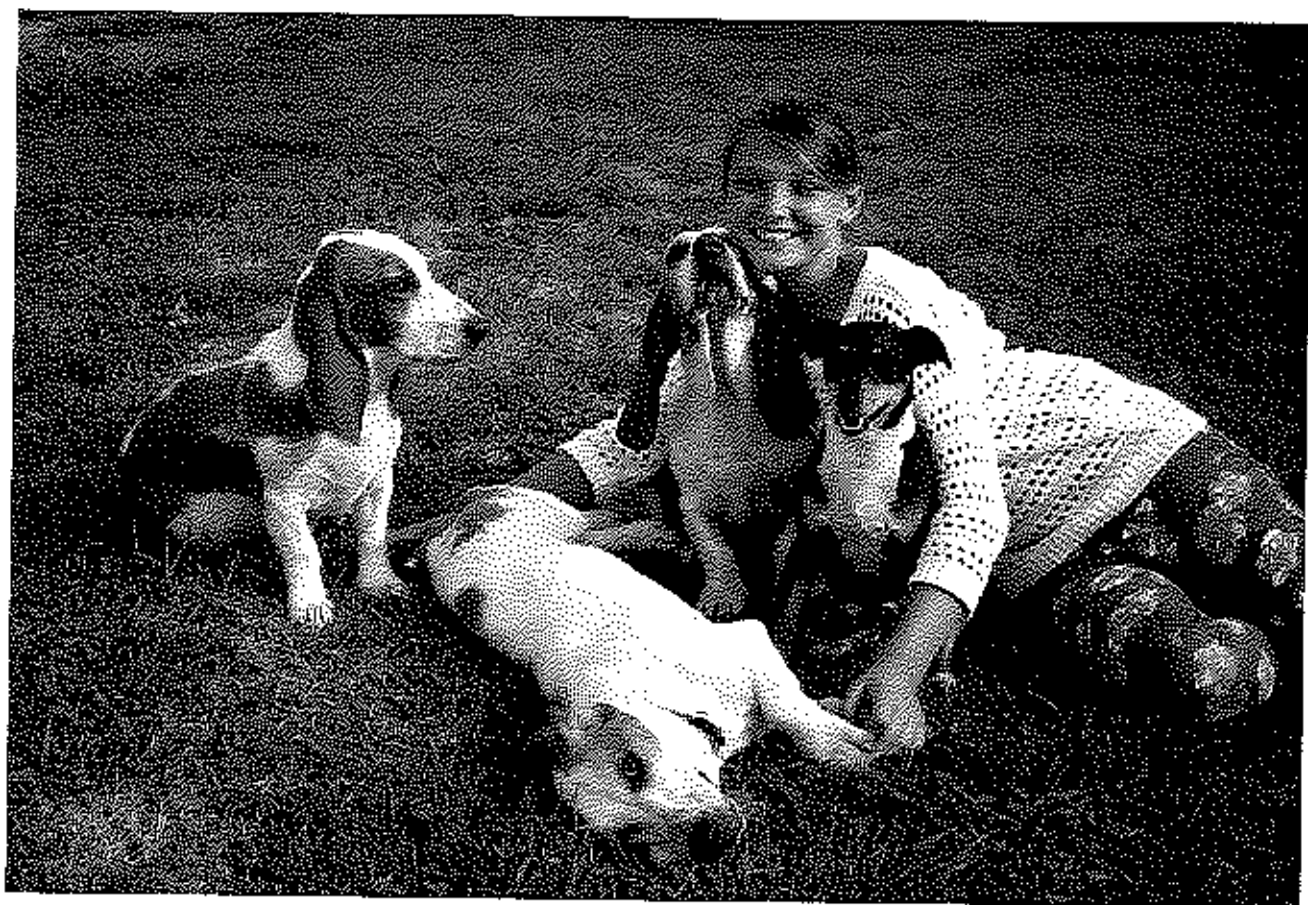
Our kennel is located on 640 acres. We chose to raise Boxers because they are a wonderful dog. I know a dog can be such a wonderful joy and companion for both older adults and kids. They have such a devotion to their owners, and there are so many people in the world that need this in their life.

Our dogs mean the world to us. They are raised under the best conditions and given lots of love every day. We are not in it just for the profit, but for the love I know each of these dogs will bring to their owners.



A view of Roma's whelping building.

Note: A whelping building is where the mothers go when delivering their young. These buildings keep them safe, warm, and under the close supervision of the breeder.



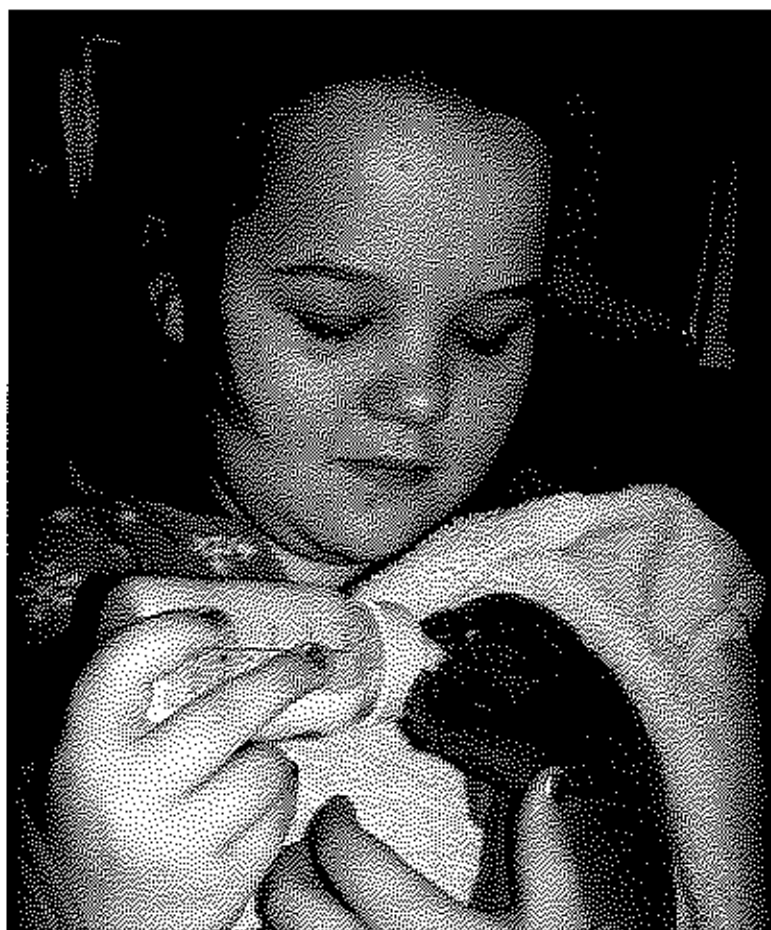
My family and I have been raising Bassett Hounds for the last six years. We live on five acres in southwest Missouri. We initially had no plans on raising these dogs. Our first Basset was a beautiful red and white male named Elvis. He was a classic. My husband kept hinting around that he wanted a Basset Hound, so for our wedding anniversary that is what he got. My youngest daughter was so excited to show her dad, she helped tie a huge blue ribbon around his neck. When her dad came in the house, she ran and got Elvis and said, "Look dad, this is your puppy. His name is Elvis Caramel. What do you want to name him?" We found that we loved the breed and had the opportunity to buy a female from a local young lady. Priscella Marie was the start of our new hobby. In the last six years, we have added a few: we have Freckles, Maggie, and we now have King Huey Luey. We unfortunately lost Elvis a couple of years ago. This was devastating for the whole family. He was a part of our family, and we still miss him.

Huey made a nice addition. He is a handsome tri-colored male with huge ears, feet, and freckles all over his feet. We like to let our dog's run loose. Bassetts are a hunting breed, and ours definitely like to chase rabbits and sometimes anything else that moves. In the evenings the dogs will lay out in the yard and wrestle with each other, play with the cats, or just beg for more attention. We do have a small mixed breed dog named Bandit. He now thinks he is also a Bassett hound and will give his best interpretation of the Bassett bark and chase rabbit with the others, but he usually tuckers out to soon and comes back home. All the dogs usually settle down in our shop for the night. The dogs and cats all sleep together as a happy little family.

We initially had plans of just owning one Bassett hound, but we found that we love them so much we wanted other people to fall in love with this breed as much as we have. They are so adorable as puppies, and as they grow you will find so much personality in them.



Lenni (left) with Animal Health Supervisor Michelle during a visit and inspection to our Arrowhead store.



Pam's granddaughter Abbi helping feed the puppies.



We are a family owned, professional kennel. We have been raising puppies for over 20 years. We raise only socialized, healthy, and happy puppies! This is the only job we have. It not only takes love and passion, it takes education and knowledge to be a successful breeder.

We attend educational seminars every year on animal health and receive continuing education units (ICUs) and have at least 25 hours a year of ICUs and have done this for many years. We are dedicated to continuing our education in matters pertaining to our industry. We love learning and want to be up to date on health, care, and regulations related to our K-9 companions.

Our veterinarian does an inspection of our kennel and examines all our dogs every year to ensure they are in good health. We are also inspected and licensed by the USDA and Missouri Department of Agriculture. Additionally, we are an AKC approved kennel and carry their certificate of inspection as such.

We love our dogs and they are our pets; every one of them! Our grandkids get involved too. My oldest grandson works at the kennel whenever possible and wants to be a veterinarian. He loves dogs and knows that besides the fun of playing with the puppies there is always a lot of work that has to be done.

Our kennel building has heated floors. I love them because it always stays nice and warm. We also heated the outside runs so in the winter we can keep the ice and snow off. We are also in the process of building play areas for the bigger dogs. We are always trying to improve our kennel.

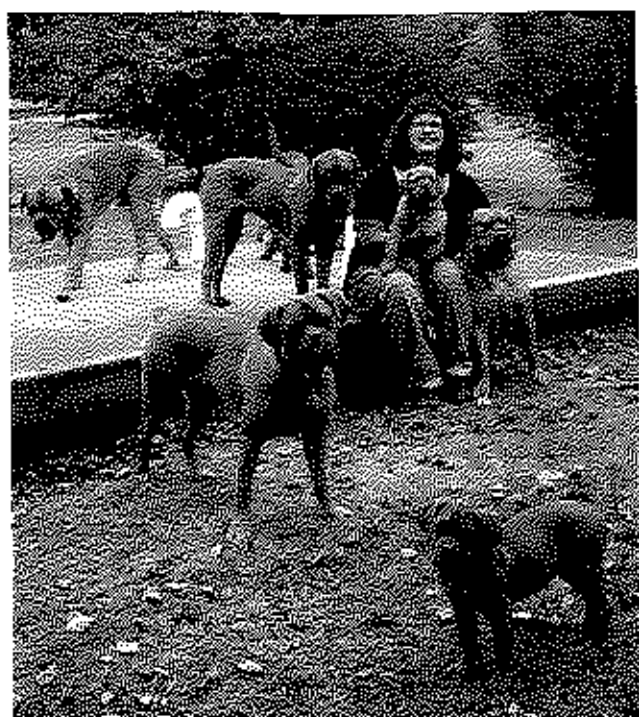
Dusty is my new addition to my Havanese family. His sire and dam are APRI champions and his sire is now an AKC champion. I showed Dusty at 6 months and did very well. We have a couple more shows lined up.

We donated a puppy (a Mal-Shi) last year to help a local family whose daughter was seriously injured in a head on car accident. She had neck and spinal cord injuries and was in critical condition. The puppy went to a great family, and the money went to help pay some of the family's medical bills.

Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love and depart to teach us about loss. A new dog does not replace an old dog, it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs, your heart is very big.



Pam and her husband Bob playing with a group of their puppies.



Angela

Our Dogue De Ranch is home to eight females and two male French Mastiffs, two of which are still puppies but growing fast. The ranch began in 2011 with handpicked puppies that have grown in to beautiful adults. **They are our pets and part of our family, not merely breeding stock.** The Ranch continues to invest financially as we grow to add and repair supplies and equipment that enhance the lives and daily living of our dogs. Likewise, many hours of time and love are devoted each hour of every day to accumulate a loving, loyal, and socialized companion in hopes to augment the standard of this breed. Our mission is to increase the respect for and knowledge of this impressive breed, The Dogue De Bordeaux. The ranch is USDA compliant with no write ups.





Mark

I live in the middle of 120 acres, in the foothills of the Ozarks Mountains. I've been married to my wife Dawn since high school (32 Years). We spent 20 years in the Army and after retirement decided to raise puppies because we loved our dogs so much and wanted other people to know that pleasure. I am the President of Arkansas against Animal Cruelty, and a Board Member of Arkansas Federation of Animal Owners. We have been raising great puppies for over 12 years and have rescued over 1,000 dogs to no Kill Shelters to date. I am at home on a full-time basis and do what I love from home; raising, caring for, and playing with dogs. It's one of life's greatest pleasures that we get to do what we enjoy every day.





Tara

We are a small family owned kennel, located in the peaceful Kansas country. **Our dogs are an extension of our family and are raised with the adoration of our children.** We have spent the last ten years focused on genetics and confirmation. Our Labradors and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers are not only large beautiful dogs, weighing between 80 and 100lbs, but fantastic hunters. Our Bulldogs are from some of the finest, most exclusive bloodlines in this country. Our goal is to provide families with beautiful, happy, healthy, well socialized puppies that will bring them many years of joyful, unconditional love. We have spent years working, studying, and searching for the highest of quality so that you have peace of mind knowing your new family member will be with you for many, many years.



Tara's Chesapeake Bay Retrievers doing what they love to do.

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Questions and Answers: Regulation of Dog/Cat Breeders and Dealers

Q. Who regulates commercial dog/cat breeders and dealers?

A. Facilities that breed and sell their animals to pet stores, brokers, or research facilities are covered under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The facility operators are required to obtain a license from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). APHIS inspectors from the Animal Care program conduct unannounced compliance inspections to ensure that the animals receive humane care and treatment. Many States and local governments also have their own laws that protect animals. USDA-licensed breeders and dealers also have to comply with these laws.

Q. What types of dog/cat breeders and dealers does the USDA regulate? Which breeders and dealers are not regulated under the AWA?

A. The AWA requires that the following breeders/dealers obtain USDA licenses: (1) people who breed dogs and cats for use as pets or for other purposes and sell them sight unseen at the retail level; and (2) the wholesale dealers who supply these animals to pet stores, brokers, or research facilities. The AWA does not cover all animals in all situations, including household pets sold face-to-face at retail, pets owned by individuals, and pets housed in shelters or pounds. USDA's jurisdiction is limited to the authority granted by the AWA. As indicated previously, States and local governments may create and enforce their own laws and regulations to protect animals, which may exceed the AWA standards.

Q. How do facilities become licensed?

A. In order to engage in regulated activities, a dog/cat breeder or dealer must first apply for an AWA license from USDA. Next, the applicant must pass a pre-license inspection and be in full compliance with all of the AWA standards and regulations. If the applicant passes the inspection and then pays the appropriate license fee, USDA Animal Care issues him or her a license.

Q. What system does the USDA use to inspect dog/cat breeding facilities?

A. USDA uses a risk-based inspection system to make the best use of its resources. The frequency of a facility's inspections is determined by its compliance record. All licensed facilities are inspected, but USDA inspectors conduct more frequent inspections at those facilities that have more difficulty adhering to the regulations. Inspectors may also visit a facility when USDA receives a complaint regarding that facility.

Q. What standards of care and other conditions does USDA require of dog/cat breeders and dealers?

A. USDA-licensed breeders and dealers are required to meet the standards of humane animal care and treatment established by the AWA and its associated regulations. These regulations and standards cover areas such as housing, sanitation, food, water, and protection against extremes of weather and temperature. Breeders and dealers must also employ a full-time veterinarian or arrange for a contract veterinarian to visit their business regularly. A facility that employs a part-time or contract veterinarian needs to establish a written program of veterinary care, which must be available to USDA inspectors for review. To prevent lost or stolen animals from being used for AWA-regulated activities, USDA requires breeders and dealers to maintain accurate and complete records of the sources of all their animals. They are also required to keep records of the dates of acquisition and disposition and to properly identify the animals on their premises.

Q. What is USDA's role regarding the commercial transport of animals?

A. AWA regulations require licensed dealers, contract carriers, and intermediate handlers to provide regulated animals with humane care and treatment. Transported animals must meet established minimum age and health certification requirements. They must be housed in proper containers with adequate space and ventilation, and they must be protected from extreme temperatures. Animals arriving at a terminal must be promptly picked up and must receive proper care until they are picked up by the receiving party. Dogs imported into the United States for the purpose of resale must be vaccinated and in good health, and they must be at least 6 months of age.

Q. Why and under what circumstances does USDA confiscate animals?

A. If a regulated animal is in a state of unrelieved suffering and the licensee/registrant is not arranging for the proper veterinary care, USDA is authorized by the AWA to confiscate that animal. USDA will issue the facility a notice of intent to confiscate, which gives the licensee/registrant a final opportunity to arrange for proper medical care. If adequate veterinary care is not given at that point, the confiscation process moves quickly. In some cases, USDA will negotiate with the facility so that it surrenders the animal(s) directly to an outside organization, thus simplifying the process and expediting placement of the animal(s).

Q. How does USDA address AWA violations?

A. USDA conducts thorough inspections. If an inspector sees anything that is not in compliance with the AWA standards and regulations, he or she will cite this as a noncompliant item on the inspection report. The inspector will explain the item to the licensee/registrant and establish a deadline for when the matter must be corrected. Repeat noncompliances and serious incidents may warrant investigations, which are the precursors to potential enforcement actions, including warning letters, monetary fines, cease-and-desist orders, license suspensions, and license revocations. Only a USDA administrative law judge can designate a noncompliant item as an actual violation.

Q. Can an AWA violation ever be a criminal offense?

A. Only certain AWA violations are pursued as criminal offenses, such as those related to animal fighting or maintaining fraudulent acquisition/disposition records. In these cases, the USDA Office of the Inspector General typically conducts investigations, and the U.S. Department of Justice prosecutes them. These cases are not overseen by USDA administrative law judges. Outcomes in criminal cases may include a prison sentence and/or monetary fines.

Additional Information

For more specific information about the AWA and its regulations and standards, visit the USDA Animal Care Web site at www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare.

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PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1248

(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 9-499.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 9-499.04. Animal control officers; appointment; authority;
5 regulation of dogs; powers and duties

6 A. Any city and town may by ordinance provide for the appointment of
7 animal control officers who may commence an action or proceeding before a
8 court for any violation of a state statute or local ordinance relating to
9 rabies and animal control ~~which~~ THAT occurs within the jurisdiction of the
10 city or town.

11 B. An animal control officer appointed pursuant to subsection A OF
12 THIS SECTION shall:

13 1. Be unarmed during the course of duties except that a small caliber
14 firearm may be available to be used in controlling vicious animals or in
15 dispatching of a wounded animal. ~~IN~~ FOR THE PURPOSES OF this paragraph,
16 "small caliber firearm" means a rifle or pistol utilizing a rimfire cartridge
17 with a caliber not to exceed twenty-two hundredths of an inch and with a
18 non-ricocheting bullet or a shotgun whose bore size ~~shall~~ DOES not exceed
19 forty-one hundredths of an inch.

20 2. Be an employee of the appointing city or town.

21 C. A CITY OR TOWN MAY REGULATE THE CONTROL OF DOGS IF THE REGULATION
22 IS NOT SPECIFIC TO ANY BREED.

23 ~~G. D. SUBSECTION B OF this section shall not be construed to~~ DOES NOT
24 grant other powers or benefits to animal control officers to which peace
25 officers of this state are entitled.

1 Sec. 2. Section 11-1005, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

2 11-1005. Powers and duties of board of supervisors

3 A. Each county board of supervisors may:

4 1. Designate or employ a county enforcement agent. If such
5 designation or employment is not made, the county sheriff shall be the county
6 enforcement agent, but nothing in this article shall be deemed to prevent the
7 county board of supervisors from designating or employing a county
8 enforcement agent at any time it is deemed necessary or advisable.

9 2. Provide the county enforcement agent with such personnel and
10 equipment as are necessary to enforce ~~the provisions of this article and the~~
11 rules adopted under this article.

12 3. Contract with any city or town to enforce the provisions of any
13 ordinance enacted by such city or town for the control of dogs **IF THE**
14 **PROVISIONS ARE NOT SPECIFIC AS TO ANY BREED.**

15 4. For the unincorporated areas of the county, by ordinance, regulate,
16 restrain and prohibit the running at large of dogs, except dogs used for
17 control of livestock or while being used or trained for hunting.

18 5. For the unincorporated areas of the county, by ordinance, regulate,
19 restrain and prohibit the excessive and unrestrained barking of dogs.

20 6. Establish either:

21 (a) Criminal penalties not to exceed the penalties for a class 2
22 misdemeanor for violation of an ordinance adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 or
23 5 **OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

24 (b) Civil penalties for violations of an ordinance adopted pursuant to
25 paragraph 4 or 5 **OF THIS SUBSECTION**, not to exceed five hundred dollars for
26 each violation.

27 B. Fines received for violation of an ordinance adopted with a
28 criminal penalty pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 6, subdivision (a) **OF**
29 **THIS SECTION** shall be deposited in a special, permanent, nonlapsing and
30 nonreverting county fund to be used solely for the operation of the county
31 enforcement agency.

1 C. Each county board of supervisors may establish pound fees for
2 impounding and maintaining animals at the county pound or any pound used by
3 the county.

4 D. The county board of supervisors shall be responsible for declaring
5 a rabies quarantine area within its jurisdiction on a recommendation of the
6 county board of health or the local health department. If a rabies
7 quarantine area is declared, the county board of supervisors shall meet with
8 the county board of health and the county enforcement agent and institute an
9 emergency program for the control of rabies within that area provided that
10 any regulations restricting or involving the movement of livestock within
11 that area shall be developed by the state veterinarian.

12 Sec. 3. Title 44, chapter 11, article 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding sections 44-1799.10 and 44-1799.11, to read:

14 44-1799.10. Pet store operators; pet dealers; prohibitions on
15 dog and cat purchases; record keeping

16 A. A PET STORE OPERATOR OR PET DEALER MAY NOT OBTAIN A DOG OR CAT FOR
17 RESALE OR SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE ANY DOG OR CAT OBTAINED FROM A PERSON WHO IS
18 REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED BY THE PET DEALER REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES
19 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (7 UNITED STATES CODE
20 SECTIONS 2131 THROUGH 2159) IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

21 1. THE PERSON IS NOT CURRENTLY LICENSED BY THE UNITED STATES
22 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (7 UNITED STATES CODE
23 SECTIONS 2131 THROUGH 2159).

24 2. WITHIN TWO YEARS BEFORE OBTAINING THE DOG OR CAT THE PERSON COMMITS
25 A DIRECT VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PET DEALER REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES
26 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (7 UNITED STATES CODE
27 SECTIONS 2131 THROUGH 2159).

28 3. THE PERSON RECEIVES AN INDIRECT NO ACCESS VIOLATION ON EACH OF THE
29 TWO MOST RECENT INSPECTION REPORTS ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
30 AGRICULTURE UNDER THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT (7 UNITED STATES CODE SECTIONS 2131
31 THROUGH 2159).

1 4. THE PERSON COMMITS THREE OR MORE INDIRECT VIOLATIONS OF THE PET
2 DEALER REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DURING THE
3 TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEFORE OBTAINING THE DOG OR CAT FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO
4 THE HEALTH OR WELFARE OF THE ANIMAL AND THE VIOLATIONS WERE NOT
5 ADMINISTRATIVE IN NATURE. THE INDIRECT VIOLATIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS
6 PARAGRAPH DO NOT INCLUDE A VIOLATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS
7 SUBSECTION.

8 B. A PET STORE OPERATOR OR PET DEALER MAY NOT OBTAIN A DOG OR CAT FOR
9 RESALE OR SELL OR OFFER FOR SALE ANY DOG OR CAT OBTAINED FROM A PERSON WHO
10 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OBTAINED A DOG OR CAT FROM A PERSON DESCRIBED IN
11 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. A PET STORE OPERATOR OR PET STORE DEALER SHALL
12 BE PRESUMED TO HAVE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND TO HAVE SATISFIED ITS OBLIGATION
13 TO ASCERTAIN IF A PERSON MEETS THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A BY
14 CONDUCTING A SEARCH ON THE ANIMAL CARE INFORMATION SYSTEM SEARCH TOOL
15 MAINTAINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHEN PLACING AN
16 ORDER TO OBTAIN A DOG OR CAT FOR SALE OR RESALE.

17 C. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF THIS SECTION, A PET STORE
18 OPERATOR OR PET DEALER MAY OBTAIN A DOG OR CAT FOR RESALE OR SELL OR OFFER
19 FOR SALE ANY DOG OR CAT OBTAINED FROM A PUBLICLY OPERATED POUND OR A PRIVATE,
20 CHARITABLE NONPROFIT HUMANE SOCIETY OR FROM ANY ANIMAL ADOPTION ACTIVITY
21 CONDUCTED BY A POUND OR HUMANE SOCIETY.

22 D. A PET DEALER SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS VERIFYING ITS COMPLIANCE WITH
23 THIS SECTION FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER OBTAINING THE DOG OR CAT TO BE SOLD
24 OR OFFERED FOR SALE.

25 44-1799.11. Pet dealer regulation: state preemption

26 THE REGULATION OF PET DEALERS IS A MATTER OF STATEWIDE CONCERN. A
27 CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY MAY ENACT OR ENFORCE AN ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE THE
28 SOURCING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 44-1799.10 AGAINST A PET STORE OR PET DEALER
29 THAT VIOLATES THE SOURCING REQUIREMENTS OF 44-1799.10 BY IMPOSING A PENALTY
30 PERMITTED BY SECTION 44-1799.08. ANY LOCAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION OR
31 ORDINANCE THAT IMPOSES SOURCING REQUIREMENTS ON PET DEALERS THAT ARE MORE

House Amendments to S.B. 1248

1 RESTRICTIVE THAN THE SOURCING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 44-1799.10 IS
2 PREEMPTED. ANY LOCAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR
3 INDIRECTLY PROHIBIT OR BE APPLIED TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF DOGS OR CATS BY A
4 PET STORE OR PET DEALER, EXPRESSLY OR IN EFFECT, BASED ON THE SOURCE FROM
5 WHICH THE ANIMAL IS OBTAINED IF OBTAINED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION
6 44-1799.10."
7 Amend title to conform

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United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service



Animal Welfare Act

USDA Animal Care, a unit within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, upholds and enforces the Animal Welfare Act. This federal law and its associated regulations set the standards for humane care and treatment that must be provided for certain animals that are: exhibited to the public; bred for commercial sale; used in medical research; or transported commercially. Facilities using regulated animals for regulated purposes must provide their animals with adequate housing, sanitation, nutrition, water and veterinary care, and they must protect their animals from extreme weather and temperatures.

Highly-trained USDA inspectors, located throughout the United States, conduct routine, unannounced inspections of all facilities licensed/registered under the Animal Welfare Act to make sure these facilities are adhering to the standards set forth in the federal regulations. Inspectors are classified as veterinary medical officers (VMOs) or Animal Care inspectors (ACIs). All VMOs have graduated from a veterinary medical college, and many have been private-practice veterinarians prior to joining USDA Animal Care. ACIs have education in the biological sciences and/or extensive experience in the care and handling of animals. USDA Animal Care also employs veterinarians who specialize in the care of particular animal species as well as those with a specific area of animal expertise such as research or transportation.

Inspectors use the Animal Welfare Act standards and regulations as the baseline by which they determine the level of care being provided. If a facility is meeting the federal standards, USDA knows that the animals there are receiving humane care and treatment. Conversely, when inspectors cite facilities for items that are not in compliance with the federal standards, USDA Animal Care holds those facilities responsible for properly addressing/correcting those items within a set timeframe. If these non-compliances are not corrected, or if they are of a serious enough nature, USDA has the option to pursue appropriate enforcement actions.

The Animal Welfare Act, which became law in 1966, does not cover every type of animal used in every type of activity. The following are not covered: farm animals used for food or fiber (fur, hide, etc.); coldblooded species (amphibians and reptiles); horses not used for research purposes; fish; invertebrates (crustaceans, insects, etc.); or rats of the genus *Rattus* and mice of the genus *Mus* that are bred for use in research. Birds are covered under the Animal Welfare Act but the regulatory standards have not yet been established.

Additional Information

March 17, 2016

Statement of Frank Mineo, Owner of CPI, Inc.
Supporting SB 1248 Amendment

Chairwoman Barton and Members of the Committee:

My name is Frank Mineo and my family has been in the pet business for 50 years, 38 of those years here in Arizona.

Like many transplants to the Valley, my parents came here to pursue their dream of owning their own business. Today, we have seven pet stores in Arizona, including Animal Kingdom in the Arizona Mills Mall in Tempe and Puppies 'N Love in the Paradise Valley Mall in Phoenix. One of our stores, in the Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall, does not sell puppies and only adopts out homeless animals.

Everyone in our organization is passionate about animals. We have introduced the value and benefits of the human-animal bond to thousands of Arizona citizens, and the communities we operate in have embraced our stores.

We have provided hundreds of good paying jobs to our employees and enjoyed success over many years. Helping individuals and families find a happy, healthy pet is all I have ever done, and all I ever want to do.

But our stores, and the many employees they support, are being threatened by misguided local ordinances that seek to put us out of business.

Like you, no reasonable person would ever support a substandard breeder commonly referred to as a "puppy mill." Yet that term, "puppy mill," has been unfairly applied to our breeders.

It's easy to see why people are so emotional about dogs. Dogs play an important role in our lives. Their love and dedicated companionship is unconditional.

Animal rights activists in this country take advantage of the emotional nature of this issue by vilifying all commercial breeders with sophisticated publicity

campaigns and labels like “puppy mills,” to the point that elected officials are simply accepting their claims without question.

Many well-intentioned people have bought into this mindset. Like modern day bullies, they apply derogatory labels to anyone who breeds dogs for pet stores. They seek to blur the lines between substandard breeders and the many reputable breeders who provide the very pets we love to have as companions.

But labeling all breeders as “puppy mills” and all pet stores as unscrupulous not only defies common sense, it is stereotypical, judgmental and wrong.

Having become friends with many of our breeders and visited their homes and kennels, we know that there are many breeders that provide excellent care and love for their animals. We have put together a book with pictures of some of our breeders and their kennel facilities, and hope you will take time to look at it.

In our lawsuit with the City of Phoenix, a well-respected federal judge looked at the evidence and said that we are an “exemplary pet store” that “avoids buying from puppy mills and works hard to ensure that its puppies have been raised in a humane environment.” The judge also said that it was not the Court’s place “to judge the wisdom or fairness of the City’s decision to pass the Ordinance.”

That is why we are asking you to support this Bill.

ASPCA has stated on their website that as few as 2% of dogs are obtained at pet stores and 26% are purchased directly from breeders. Yet pet stores are the only regulated source for puppies in the United States.

The laws passed by Phoenix and Tempe—and that Tucson is now considering—pretend to address the issues of “puppy mills” and overcrowded shelters by targeting pet stores. But these laws eliminate the only regulated channel for puppy sales in the state while opening the flood gates for unregulated sources.

Professional breeders that sell to pet stores are required by federal law to be licensed and inspected. USDA licensed and inspected kennels are required to provide a safe, clean facility for the dogs. In addition, these federally licensed kennels are required to provide nutritious food, clean water, proper medical care,

socialization and exercise programs, and controlled humidity and "cool air or increased ventilation if the ambient temperature is above 85 degrees" and inside protection from weather below 45 degrees.

Most states also have licensing requirements and inspections for professional breeders. In Missouri, where the majority of our breeders are located, the minimum standards of care far exceed what is required by the USDA.

Some deride the USDA standards as providing only "minimum" standards. I would respond with two points: *first*, what is better, minimum standards or no standards, which is what you would have if you ban regulated pet stores that buy from regulated breeders?, and, *second*, the breeders whose puppies we help find good homes are not simply doing the bare minimum, and anyone who tells you differently does not know what they are talking about.

I ask you to support this amendment because, like everyone else, I am a pet lover and strong supporter of responsible pet store regulations and opponent of puppy mills. SB 1248 is an effort to set responsible rules that will indeed prevent puppy mill puppies from being sold in Arizona. Supporting this bill will ensure that puppies being sold through pet stores are coming from responsible breeders. The community, pet stores, breeders and animals will all benefit.

If organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States claim otherwise, I urge you to ask them: Then why have you supported virtually identical laws in other states? Why are these protections good enough for other places, but not Arizona?

Thank you.

Arizona House of Representatives
Agriculture, Water & Land Committee
SB1248 Striker Amendment

March 17, 2016

My name is Ed Sayres and I am a Senior Advisor for the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council and former President of the ASPCA from 2003 to 2013.

I have spent the past 41 years working for the welfare of animals. As the head of ASPCA, I led a three-pronged campaign against substandard breeders, or what we called "puppy mills":

1. Direct intervention or rescue of victims and prosecution of criminal operators, and we closed dozens of substandard breeders.
2. State legislation to improve breeder standards in PA which closed hundreds of puppy mills and Prop B ballot initiative in MO to raise breeder standards which likewise closed hundreds of puppy mills.
3. We also tried retail boycotts or Pet Sale Bans but found that this approach has no measurable impact—as in Zero—on the protection of puppies—as it served to shift the sale of puppies from a regulated environment to the shadows.

While direct intervention and legislation had a measurable impact, the bans have had no verifiable impact on the closure of a single puppy mill.

My message has not changed. Always make adoption your first option.

But the demand for puppies and dogs is now more than 7 times the population of homeless dogs at risk for euthanasia—and that gap is increasing every year. The pressing question we must now confront is: Where will the dogs to meet this demand come from?

At the ASPCA I authorized a dozen raids to rescue and rehabilitate over 2,500 puppies and dogs from substandard puppy mills.

Not one of those facilities was a USDA licensed breeder and none of those puppies were headed for a pet store.

As President of the ASPCA I said a lot of negative things about commercial breeders licensed or not. Then someone asked me if I had ever visited a licensed commercial breeder. And the honest answer was "No I had not".

Now I know better. After I left the ASPCA I visited many. I found high standard kennels and well educated breeders. I found hard working professionals who are dedicated to caring for their dogs and producing healthy puppies for their customers. The owners of some of the best kennels I visited supply puppies to the Minco's stores in Arizona.

If someone testifies today about the horrible conditions at commercial breeders, **please**, do not let them make disparaging statements not backed up by actual facts. Ask them when they visited a USDA breeder. It's a safe bet none have.

I thought I knew it all and realized I was wrong.

The truth is that most breeders are getting it right. Many are not just meeting but exceeding humane standards of care with state-of-the-art facilities where puppies get the best veterinary care, a healthy diet, clean, spacious kennels, compassionate and caring attention, and safe, comfortable transportation.

These breeders are leading the way, serving as a model for others to replicate and educating their fellow breeders about how to adopt their best practices.

Unfortunately, while sub-standard operators represent only a very small percentage of all breeders today, they give the entire industry a bad name.

But if we want to eliminate puppy mills, we should not ban responsible breeders who are **NOT** puppy mills.

Instead of putting the burden on small business owners who make up a significant portion of pet retailers, we should focus on breeders themselves to ensure that all of them are adhering to high standards for humane care.

Under Senate Bill 1248, all pet store puppies must originate from USDA-licensed breeders who are regularly inspected and found to comply with appropriate care standards. The Bill employs the same sensible framework already adopted by other states, including Virginia and Connecticut.

And let's not forget why many people choose to buy a pet from a pet store in the first place. In most states, including Arizona, consumers enjoy far more protection under the law for the animals they get from pet stores than from any other source. Arizona already has pet warranty laws on the books that apply to pet stores but do not cover animals purchased from shelters or rescues or over the internet.

In acquiring a pet, consumers should be able to choose among several reliable, quality sources, including pet stores. Without a reliable, quality supply of pets subject to regulation and sourcing transparency, prospective pet owners will be driven to unscrupulous sellers of pets who are not licensed and are unconcerned about compliance with animal care standards.

Some here today may say that we should get rid of pet stores because there are so many pets without homes. I agree shelters can be an excellent source for pets, but it is not at all clear that pet store bans will lead to more shelter adoptions.

Here in Maricopa County, shelter intakes are already way down due to effective spay and neuter campaigns, and euthanasia of homeless pets has dropped by 71% since 2012—a wonderful accomplishment. Local officials acknowledge that this pace will be difficult to maintain as homeless dogs become much harder to place due to medical or behavioral issues.

Even though they have three times the market share of pet stores, shelters also have a rather limited selection of dogs, especially small and hypoallergenic breeds that many people want. With different reasons for choosing the animals they do, families should have the greatest possible choice and not be denied the opportunity to find the pet that best fits their family's requirements.

Despite all of the good intentions behind them, pet store bans are not the solution. They are an emotional overreaction to a complex problem. Pet store bans eliminate the only source of legally protected puppies with known breeding and documented health history.

To serve the best interests of both pets and people, we need standards that ensure the safety of animals, give consumers the choices they deserve, and support the growth of responsible businesses that serve pets and their owners. SB 1248 will do that.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my perspective.

Sincerely,



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STATEMENT OF TRAVIS WODISKE, D.V.M.

House Agriculture, Water & Lands Committee

March 7, 2016 Hearing

My name is Dr. Travis Wodiske. I am a local veterinarian that practices in the East Valley of Arizona and I am writing you to ask your YES vote on SB 1248.

As a veterinarian, I have the great privilege of helping pets and their owners live healthier, happier, and longer lives. One of the greatest joys of my career is to see the human-animal bond alive and well within a family, and to be a first-hand witness of the benefits this bond brings to both pets and their human owners.

In my position, I see a large number of puppies that are purchased every month from various sources (Animal Kingdom/CPI, Craigslist, and backyard "hobby" breeders, etc). The reality is that puppies purchased from craigslist or hobby breeders are often terrifying in the sense that there is ZERO regulatory control or health standard to which the breeding dogs are held to. This commonly results in genetically defected puppies that are sold to families for the purpose of joy and instead become objects of frustration and burden. Hobby breeders are typically uninformed individuals trying to make a few hundred dollars and will do so at the expense of breeding animals that are not genetically qualified for healthy litters. This is sadly even more true of the craigslist "breeder," which is often a lay person who owned two unaltered dogs that resulted in an accidental pregnancy. Again, this type of "breeding" is not subject to any regulatory measures with an end result of passing along inferior genetics from generation to generation.

On the contrary, puppies born by quality breeding stock through accredited breeders, like those that are contracted by Animal Kingdom/CPI, are much healthier puppies that rarely have poor health or inferior genetic predispositions. In fact, these puppies are quite the opposite; they come from incredible genetic lines and typically live healthy and long lives. It's through the course of a healthy and long life that deep bonds are made between human and animal. That is the passion of my career; to facilitate that bond for the mutual betterment of life.

As a consumer myself, I have personally purchased puppies from AK/CPI for the aforementioned reasons. Additionally, the consumer protection offered in and through AK/CPI's health and genetic guarantee is unmatched by any other source of puppies on the market and they do this because they believe passionately in the quality of their product. As do I.

I whole heartedly believe that substandard breeding practices and suppliers are a major problem. The notion that AK/CPI is the source or even remotely supportive of that problem is simply not true.

It is my professional opinion that AK/CPI is one of the few organizations in existence that actually advocates for superior breeding practices. To vote no on SB 1248 is to take out "the good guy" and take steps backward in this fight for responsible breeding and supplying of pets to residents of our state. To that end, and with respect to your constituents, please do them the favor of voting yes on SB 1248.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Travis Wodiske, DVM

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Statement Supporting Arizona SB1248

March 16, 2016

Dear Chairman Barton and Members of the Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands,

At Petco, we love animals. We believe in doing the right thing for pets and people. That includes putting an end to puppy mills throughout the U.S. Through our Think Adoption First philosophy, we work with animal welfare organizations across the nation to provide retail space, support and other assistance to help adopt approximately 300,000 animals each year in our Petco and Unleashed by Petco stores.

Petco supports responsible legislation and regulation that would put an end to the existence of puppy mills and substandard dog breeding practices that contribute to animal suffering. Petco believes that the amendment to SB 1248 is a significant step in the right direction, and we strongly urge you to support it.

Petco views banning the retail sale of puppies as an ineffective and potentially detrimental method of combatting animal cruelty. Retail sales bans do not achieve the objective of ending the sale or production of dogs bred in substandard breeding facilities commonly referred to as "puppy mills," nor are they the primary source of people obtaining pets from breeding facilities. According to the 2014 APPA study, less than 4% of dogs are acquired from a pet store while 23% are purchased from a breeder, 23% are adopted from a shelter and 20% received from a friend or relative. Retail bans also do not lessen the public's desire to acquire pets of their choice.

As a consequence, measures like the retail bans recently adopted by Phoenix and Tempe will not end puppy mills and will instead serve to drive the supply of pets out of public and regulatory view, onto the internet, and outside the substantial protections that already exist under Arizona law for pets sold in pet stores, increasing the risk of animal mistreatment and ultimately contributing to the cruelty and suffering we seek to end. A recent USDA investigation revealed the 81% of large breeders selling puppies on the internet were not licensed and regulated by the USDA.

Pet sale bans provide a false sense of security that we have accomplished our goal. They also distract from the development of meaningful measures needed to

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improve the lives of animals and end substandard, exploitative dog breeding practices these measures are intended to eliminate.

At Petco, our efforts are focused on supporting the development and adoption of improved care standards, increased transparency, and other measures to ensure dogs raised in the U.S. are treated humanely, while allowing people to obtain a pet of their choice from a licensed, well-regulated and responsible source. The Amendment to SB 1248 helps to further all of these goals.

Petco and a wide range of other organizations, including those from within the fields of animal welfare, education and research, formed a coalition in 2012 that is working to develop and implement common, agreed-upon guidelines for the *responsible* breeding of dogs.

We are excited to announce that Purdue's Dog Breeding Standards are now entering the testing phase and dog breeders are enthusiastically participating in this ground breaking program. For more information on the work being done by Purdue please refer to this recent press release:

<http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2015/Q3/purdue-dog-breeding-standards-to-enter-testing-phase.html>

We continue to participate in the coalition in an effort to institute meaningful change for animals and look forward to further advocacy as this important work continues.

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March 16, 2016

House Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 W Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Please Support SB 1248 Striker - Protecting Consumer Choice & Responsible Dog Ownership

Dear Chairwoman Barton and Members of the Agriculture, Water, and Lands Committee:

On behalf of our 93 AKC dog clubs and thousands of responsible dog owners and future dog owners in Arizona, the American Kennel Club (AKC) urges you to support the striker amendment to Senate Bill 1248. We also wish to thank Chairwoman Barton for sponsoring this amendment that will protect consumer choice and the rights of legitimate, regulated businesses in the state; and also have a positive impact on the state's shelter population.

The AKC is the world's largest purebred dog registry, the nation's largest purebred rescue network, and the only not-for-profit purebred dog registry devoted for more than 130 years to the health and wellbeing of dogs. We work actively to educate the public about responsible dog ownership and advocate for humane treatment of *all* dogs.

An important part of ensuring the success of a pet with a new owner is making sure that prospective owners have the opportunity to select a pet that is the right fit for their lifestyle. When a person cannot obtain a pet that is a good fit for their lifestyle, that animal is more likely to end up in a shelter. Treasured pets may be obtained from a variety of sources, including breeders, pet stores, rescues, and local shelters—and SB 1248 helps ensure that Arizonans do not lose an important source for choosing a quality pet.

Further, this amendment will protect responsible dog owners by ensuring that cities and towns do not regulate dogs based solely on their breed. This important provision will protect the rights of responsible dog owners to own the breed of their choice, and support local laws that hold *all* dog owners accountable for the actions of their dogs, regardless of breed or appearance. It will also benefit Arizona shelters by ensuring that dogs are not left by owners simply because they cannot comply with local breed-specific restrictions and regulations.

In the interests of our shared commitment to the wellbeing of all dogs, the American Kennel Club urges you to support the striker amendment to SB 1248. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Jennifer Clark on the AKC Government Relations team at 919-816-3720 or jlc@akc.org if you have any questions or we may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Sheila Goffe
Director, Government Relations



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1361

G&F; heritage fund; expenditures
Prime Sponsor: Senator Griffin, LD 14

X Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

SB 1361 allows the Game and Fish Commission to use a portion of Heritage Fund monies on operations and maintenance of properties acquired with sensitive habitat.

PROVISIONS

1. Reduces the required expenditure of Heritage Fund (fund) monies set aside for identification, inventory and acquisition of sensitive habitat to 20% for acquiring property used by endangered, threatened or candidate species.
 - Current law sets aside 60% of the funds and requires 40% to be used for property acquisition (A.R.S. § 17-298).
2. Allows no more than 20% of the monies to be used for operations and maintenance of acquired property, including the property's infrastructure.
 - Current law does not allow monies to be used for this purpose.
3. Requires the Commission to submit its final report regarding the Heritage Fund program and fund expenditures to the Secretary of State.
 - Current law requires the report to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature and specifies the required contents of the report (A.R.S. § 17-298).
4. Makes technical and conforming changes.

CURRENT LAW

A.R.S. § 5-572 allocates \$10 million a year from lottery ticket sales to the Heritage Fund for, among other uses, recovering threatened and endangered species.

Statute requires the fund monies to be spent as follows:

1. 5% for public access, including maintenance and operations expenses;
2. 60% for identification, inventory, acquisition and management of sensitive habitat;
3. 15% on habitat evaluation or habitat protection;
4. 15% on urban wildlife and urban wildlife habitat programs; and
5. 5% on environmental education.

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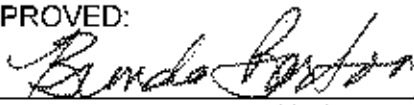
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LANDS BILL NO. SB 1361

DATE March 17, 2016 MOTION: DP

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Mrs. Benally		✓			
Mrs. Cobb		✓			
Ms. Fann		✓			
Mrs. Gabaldón			✓		
Mr. Montenegro		✓			✓
Ms. Otondo	✓	✓			
Mr. Pratt					✓
Mr. Shope		✓			
Mr. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mrs. Barton, Chairman	✓	✓			
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APPROVED:



BRENDA BARTON, Chairman
DARIN MITCHELL, Vice-Chairman


COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 11



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1372

water resources; salt cedar appropriation
Prime Sponsor: Senator Pancrazi, LD 4

X Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands

Committee on Appropriations

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

SB 1372 appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund (GF) to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in FY17 to reimburse the city of Buckeye for costs incurred relating to the removal of salt cedar trees.

PROVISIONS

1. Appropriates \$200,000 from the GF to DWR in FY17 to reimburse the city of Buckeye for costs incurred from research and studies associated with acquiring state and federal permits for the removal of salt cedar trees from the Gila River.
 - a. Exempts the funds from lapsing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Salt cedar trees, an invasive species that out-competes native cottonwood and willow trees, are a state-wide issue along the Gila River. According to information provided by the city, the salt cedar has congested more than 15,000 acres in and along the Gila River inside the Buckeye area. The city projects that eradication of the salt cedar could potentially save 50,000 acre-feet of water each year and that the water saved could be used by citizens in Buckeye, Goodyear and Avondale once treated.

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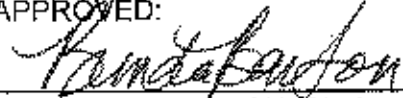
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LANDS BILL NO. SB 1372

DATE March 17, 2016 MOTION: DP

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Mrs. Benally		✓			
Mrs. Cobb		✓			
Ms. Fann		✓			
Mrs. Gabaldón		✓			
Mr. Montenegro					✓
Ms. Otondo		✓			
Mr. Pratt					✓
Mr. Shope		✓			
Mr. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mrs. Barton, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:



BRENDA BARTON, Chairman
DARIN MITCHELL, Vice-Chairman



COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 13

City of Buckeye – Gila River Restoration Project Summary

History

Salt Cedar trees have congested more than 15,000 acres in and along the Gila River inside of Buckeye, Goodyear and Avondale's planning area.

Salt Cedars are an invasive species that have proliferated the Gila River as it flows through Arizona. The Salt Cedars were planted along the banks of the Gila River in the late 1800's to control erosion.

Unfortunately, what was planned to help stabilize the banks of the river has actually put our community, wildlife and a critical water source in danger.

Water Conservation

Eradicating Salt Cedars creates the potential to save 50,000 acre-feet of water annually. This water could be treated for Buckeye, Goodyear and Avondale residents to use.

Salt cedar trees deposit excessive salt surrounding their base and have other water depleting characteristics -

- 300 gallons of water – amount of water absorbed by each tree every day
- 50,000 acre feet of water a year, creating a water resource in the desert
- 200,000 - // of households that could use the water now being used by salt cedars
- 600,000 - # of people who could benefit from the water resource

Wildlife Habitat Restoration

The Gila River is an important wildlife corridor that must be preserved. Salt Cedars are invasive species that out-compete native cottonwood and willow. The Salt Cedars have kept native trees from establishing by secreting salt into the surrounding soil and blocking the sun to native seedlings.

- Over 150 species of birds in the Gila River

- Other animals include beavers, tortoises, bobcats, and a host of other mammal, stream, and reptile species.

Fire Prevention

Salt Cedars are highly flammable, putting surrounding homes and critical public facilities including the State Route 85 Bridge (see photos on page 3) and a waste water treatment plant in jeopardy. On average, the bridge carries 12,000 vehicles daily traveling to and from San Diego, Yuma, and Rocky Point.

Salt Cedars burn hotter than most trees, and the dense vegetation creates the potential for enormous wildfires that threaten the life and property of the Buckeye Valley.

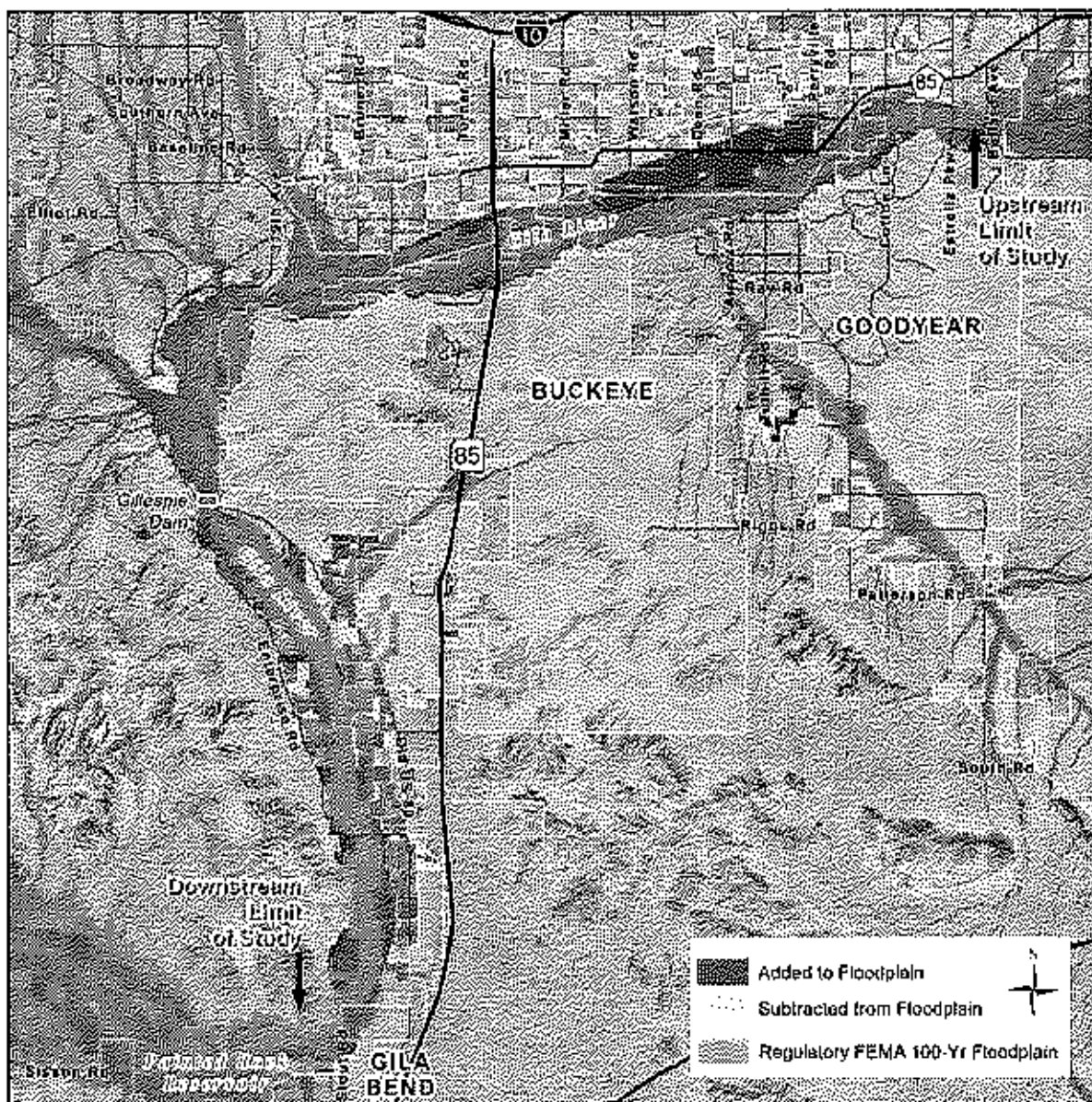
Flood Control & Economic Development

The high density of Salt Cedars has congested the Gila River impeding flood flows, creating the potential for a backwater effect aggravating the impact of an already flood-prone area.

Future floodplain delineations to the Gila River will add 4,500 acres of floodplain (see map on page 2). This will limit development and require costly flood insurance for owners.

- 200 - # of structures in the expanded flood plain.
- SR85 bridge at risk
- 7,000 – acres of farmland affected by flooding in Buckeye
- Mitigate increased flood insurance requirements
- Floodplain Use Permit is required for new development in floodplain/floodway
- Developments must elevate above 1ft Water Surface Elevation (WSEL)
- Limited uses are permitted within the floodway
- 100 million - sq ft of reclaimed vertical land buildable space

For more information please call (623) 980-0956 or email (gdiaz@buckeyeaz.gov) Government Relations Manager George Diaz.



Project Partners:

- City of Avondale
- City of Goodyear
- Maricopa County Planning and Development
- Maricopa Flood Control District
- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Arizona State Land Department
- Buckeye Water Conservation & Drainage District
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Arizona Rock Products Association
- Sonoran Institute
- Maricopa Farm Bureau





February 28, 2016

**AZSFWC & Member Organizations supporting
SB 1361 Heritage O & M**

AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation
Anglers United
AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Bass Federation Nation
AZ Big Game Super Raffle
AZ Bowhunters Association
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation
AZ Chapter Safari Club International
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited
AZ Deer Association
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
AZ Elk Society
AZ Flycasters Club
AZ Houndsmen
AZ Outdoor Sports
Coconino Sportsmen
Mohave Sportsman Club
Outdoor Experience 4 All
South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club
SRT Outdoors
The BASS Federation
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AZSFWC & Member organizations supporting SB 1361 Heritage O & M bill -- 2-28-2016

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January 22, 2016

Mr. Kurt R. Davis
Chairman
Arizona Game and Fish Commission

RE: Resolution of Support from the Heritage Public Advisory Committee (HPAC)

Chairman Davis:

On Saturday, January 16th, 2016, a meeting of the Heritage Public Advisory Committee (HPAC) convened in Phoenix, AZ.

During committee discussion of the 2016 Legislative Update presentation by Jorge Canaca, Legislative Liaison; a resolution of support was motioned and approved by a quorum of HPAC members present. Twelve members voted "aye" and no members voted "nay". In accordance with the HPAC Charter dated April 11, 2014, the following resolution of support is now forwarded for consideration by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. The resolution of support voted unanimously and recommended by the HPAC committee is:

"The Heritage Public Advisory Committee (HPAC) formally recommends to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and to the Arizona State Legislature, that HPAC supports statutory changes to the Heritage fund in order to provide the Game and Fish Department fiscal flexibility, for the property acquisition portion of the funds, so that they may be used for either future property acquisitions or for Operations and Maintenance expenditures, as needed, including the property's infrastructure located on previously acquired Heritage property."

Sincerely,

James R. Ammons
Chairman, Heritage Public Advisory Committee
Commissioner, Arizona Game and Fish Commission

Cc: Commissioner Edward "Pat" Madden
Commissioner James S. Zieler
Commissioner Robert E. Mansell
Director, Larry D. Voyles

Attachment 160



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1398

fuel taxes; streets and highways

Prime Sponsor: Senator Griffin, LD 14

DPA Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands

X Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

SB 1398 requires revenues collected from fuel taxes to only be used for road, street and highway purposes and requires all counties to publish annual financial reports of budgeted and actual expenditures of revenues.

PROVISIONS

1. Requires revenues collected from the motor vehicle fuel and use fuel taxes to only be used for road, street and highway purposes, including maintenance.
2. Requires counties to publish annual financial reports of funds received from motor vehicle fuel and use fuel taxes including budgeted and actual expenditures for the previous fiscal year by December 31.

AMENDMENTS IN AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LANDS

1. Removes the provision requiring motor vehicle fuel and use fuel taxes to only be spent for road, street and highway purposes

CURRENT LAW

Article IX, section 14 of the Constitution of Arizona stipulates that any monies derived from fees, excises or license taxes, including those related to fuels, may only be used for highway and street purposes. These purposes include construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair and roadside development of county roads, streets and bridges.

A.R.S. § 28-5606 imposes an \$.18/gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel and \$.26/gallon tax on use fuel.

Counties receive 19% of any monies from the Arizona Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) after all statutory distributions have been satisfied (A.R.S. § 28-6538). The State Highway Fund receives 50.5%, cities and towns receive 27.5% and cities with a population over 300,000 (Phoenix, Tucson and Mesa) receive 3%. The distribution formulas for each recipient of HURF monies are available on the ADOI website.

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1398
(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

- 1 Page 1, line 15, after "Arizona" strike remainder of line
- 2 Strike lines 16 and 17
- 3 Line 18, strike "STREETS AND HIGHWAYS"
- 4 Amend title to conform

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LANDS BILL NO. SB 1398

DATE March 17, 2016 MOTION: DPA

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Benally		✓			
Mrs. Cobb		✓			
Ms. Fann		✓			
Mrs. Gabaldón		✓			
Mr. Montenegro					✓
Ms. Otondo		✓			
Mr. Pratt					✓
Mr. Shope		✓			
Mr. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mrs. Barton, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:

Brenda Barton
BRENDA BARTON, Chairman
DARIN MITCHELL, Vice-Chairman

April Higgins
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 19



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1400

county water supply provision; renewal
Prime Sponsor: Senator Griffin, LD 14

X Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

SB 1400 requires county water adequacy ordinances to be renewed on a five-year cycle.

PROVISIONS

1. Requires county water adequacy ordinances to be renewed on a five-year cycle.
 - Current law allows counties to adopt a water adequacy ordinance by a unanimous vote of the board of supervisors (board) but does not require the ordinance to be renewed or extended (A.R.S. § 11-823(A)).
2. As session law, stipulates that water adequacy ordinances currently in effect will expire two years after the effective date of this Act. If renewed or extended by the board, the ordinance is required to be renewed or extended on a five-year cycle.
3. Requires the board of supervisors to notify DWR, DEQ and the real estate commissioner if the ordinance is not extended or renewed.

CURRENT LAW

Laws 2007, Chapter 240 allowed counties, cities and towns located outside of Active Management Areas (AMA) to adopt an ordinance requiring new subdivisions to have sufficient groundwater, surface water or effluent of adequate quality to satisfy the needs of the proposed use for at least 100 years. A county board of supervisors may adopt, by unanimous vote, an adequacy ordinance that prohibits a new subdivision unless the subdivision has an adequate water supply designation from the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cochise and Yuma counties have adopted an adequate water supply ordinance.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LANDS BILL NO. SB 1400

DATE March 17, 2016 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Benally			✓		
Mrs. Cobb		✓			
Ms. Fann		✓			
Mrs. Gabaldón			✓		
Mr. Montenegro					✓
Ms. Otondo			✓		
Mr. Pratt					✓
Mr. Shope		✓			
Mr. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mrs. Barton, Chairman		✓			
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April Riggins
 COMMITTEE SECRETARY

APPROVED:
Brenda Barton
 BRENDA BARTON, Chairman
 DARIN MITCHELL, Vice-Chairman

ATTACHMENT 21



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1432

temporary conservation easement; taxation

Prime Sponsor: Senator Griffin, LD 14

X Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

Summary of the Proposed Strike-Everything Amendment to SB 1432

The proposed strike-everything amendment to SB 1432, effective on January 1, 2017, establishes a separate classification for and requires county assessors to establish a digital registry of taxable properties burdened by conservation easements.

PROVISIONS

1. Establishes a separate tax classification for properties burdened by conservation easements and establishes an assessment ratio of 15%.
2. Requires all county assessors to establish and maintain a digital registry of properties burdened by a conservation easement and classified as class two C property. The registry must include the following:
 - a. Property owner's name;
 - b. Date the easement was created or recorded;
 - c. Duration of the easement; and
 - d. Date or conditions for the easement to terminate, if established as a limited easement.
3. Requires all county assessors to:
 - a. Review and revise the information in the registry to verify that the properties should remain as class two C; and
 - b. Compile an initial registry of properties burdened by a conservation easement by June 30, 2020.
4. Contains an effective date of January 1, 2017.
5. Makes technical and conforming changes.

CURRENT LAW

A.R.S. § 42-12002 and § 42-15002 establishes classifications of and the assessment ratio for class 2 property, which includes agricultural property, properties of non-profit organizations and vacant land. Class two contains two subclassifications established as class two P (personal property) and class two R (real property). The strike-everything amendment to SB 1432 will establish a third subclassification specifically for real property and improvements to real property burdened by a conservation easement with an assessment ratio of 15%. The assessment ratio for Class 2 P and R is 15%, which was effective on January 1, 2016.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A conservation easement is a voluntary agreement between a landowner and an organization or government that limits the use of the land that is burdened by the easement. Conservation easements may be permanent or temporary; the ownership of the land is maintained by the landowner but the development rights belong to the easement holder and vary depending on the terms of the easement.

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PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1432

(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 42-12002, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 42-12002. Class two property.

5 For purposes of taxation, class two is established consisting of ~~two~~
6 THREE subclasses:

7 1. Class two (R) consists of:

8 (a) Real property and improvements to property that are used for
9 agricultural purposes and that are valued at full cash value or pursuant to
10 chapter 13, article 3 of this title, as applicable.

11 (b) Real property and improvements to property that are primarily used
12 for agricultural purposes to produce trees other than standing timber, vines,
13 rosebushes, ornamental plants or other horticultural crops, regardless of
14 whether the crop is grown in containers, soil or any other medium, that are
15 not included in class one, three, four, six, seven or eight and that are
16 valued at full cash value or pursuant to chapter 13, article 3 of this title,
17 as applicable.

18 (c) Real property and improvements to property that are owned and
19 controlled by a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under
20 section 501(c)(3), (4), (7), (10) or (14) of the internal revenue code if the
21 property is not used or intended for the financial benefit of members of the
22 organization or any other individual or organization, unless the financial
23 benefit is for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational
24 purposes, and that are valued at full cash value.

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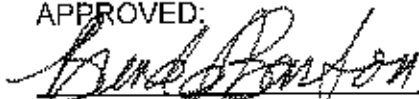
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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LANDS BILL NO. SB 1432


DATE March 17, 2016 MOTION: DPA S/E

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Mrs. Benally			✓		
Mrs. Cobb		✓			
Ms. Fann		✓			
Mrs. Gabaldón		✓			
Mr. Montenegro					✓
Ms. Otondo		✓			
Mr. Pratt					✓
Mr. Shope		✓			
Mr. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Mrs. Barton, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:



BRENDA BARTON, Chairman
DARIN MITCHELL, Vice-Chairman


COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 24

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
Fifty-second Legislature - Second Regular Session

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LANDS

CHAIRMAN: Brenda Barton VICE-CHAIRMAN: Darin Mitchell

DATE	3/17 /16	/16	/16	/16	/16
CONVENED	10 ¹⁴ a.m.	m	m	m	m
RECESSED	11:40 a.m.				
RECONVENED	11:51 a.m.				
ADJOURNED	121 p.m.				
MEMBERS					
Mrs. Benally	✓				
Mrs. Cobb	✓				
Ms. Fann	✓				
Mrs. Gabaldón	✓				
Mr. Montenegro	✓				
Ms. Otondo	✓				
Mr. Pratt	exc				
Mr. Shope	✓				
Mr. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Mrs. Barton, Chairman	✓				

✓ Present Absent exc Excused